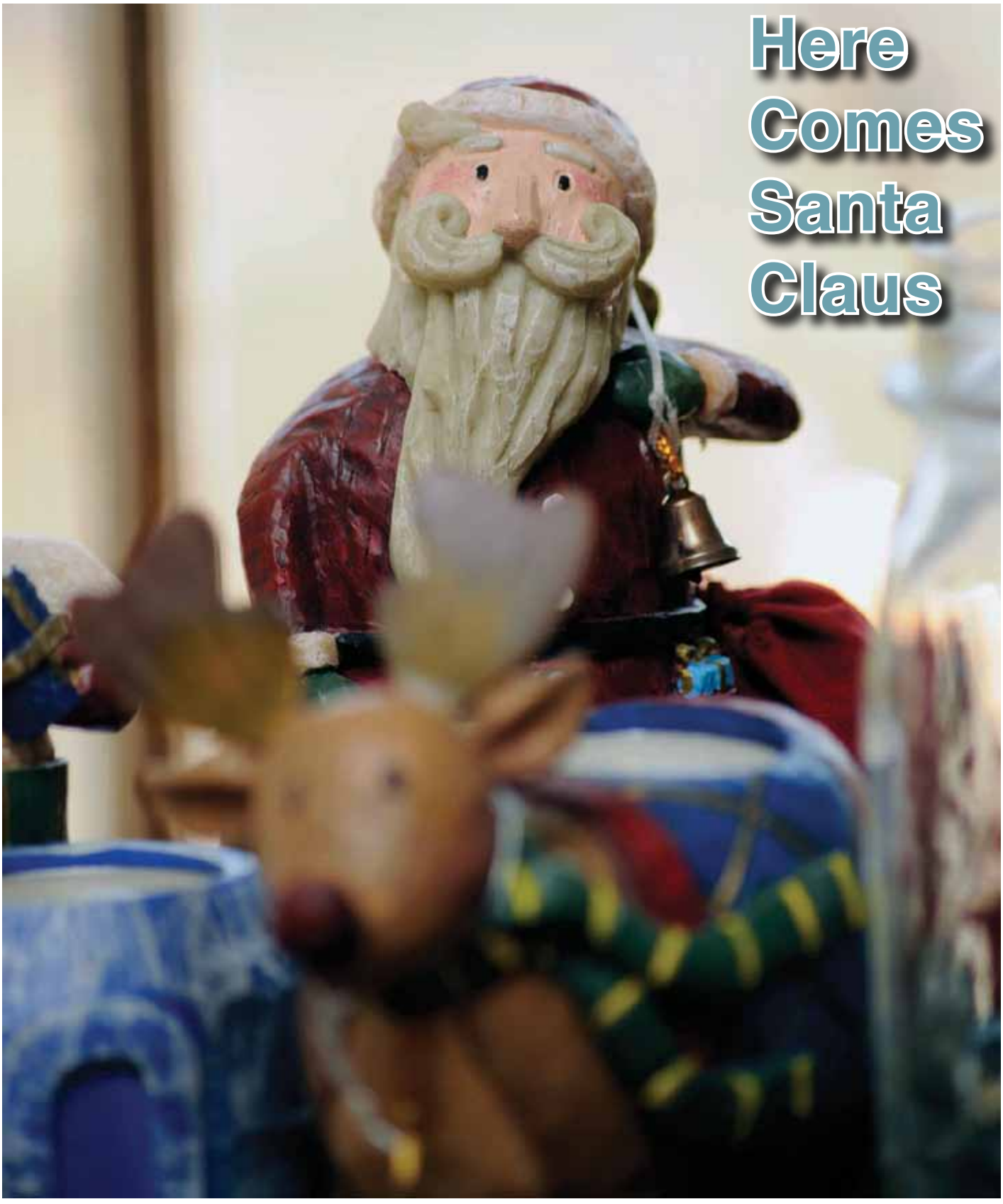
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Tri-Town Tree Lightings

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

Nothing starts the holidays more cheerfully than getting together with your neighbors for a day of cheer and good will. Don't miss these Tri-Town Holiday Tree Lighting Events.

• **Mattapoisett** – Saturday, **December 5** at the Town Wharf Gazebo from 11:00 to 1:00 pm. Santa will arrive at 11:30. This Holiday in the Park will be one to remember – come hang ornaments from the town tree. The Showstoppers will perform holiday music at the Gazebo from 11:30 to 12:30.

• **Rochester** – Monday, **December 7** at the Town Hall at 6:00 pm. The official town tree lighting will take place on **December 7** at the town hall, complete with songs from the Rochester Memorial School band and chorus. Don't miss out on the fun before the tree lighting – On **December 5**, there will be a holiday celebration at the Plumb Corner Marketplace. It will be fun for all ages with cookie-decorating, carolers, a toy drive for families in need, and hayrides.

• **Marion** - Sunday **December 13**, Marion will have its annual Holiday Stroll through the village. Come see the businesses and homes decked out with festive holiday attire, and enjoy the Clydesdale horses as they make their way down Front Street. Santa will arrive by boat at Barden's Boatyard at 3:00 pm, and after a stroll through the center, the stroll will end at Bicentennial Park for a town tree lighting.



Above: Mattapoisett Women's Club members Myra Hart, left, and Sandy Herring, right, decorate window boxes at the Post Office with holly and greens on December 1, 2009. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.

On the cover: Santa watches over the November 29, 2009 Rochester Women's Club Antique and Collectibles show from the white elephant table. Visitors got the chance to have their antiques appraised and got to buy handmade wreaths, Rochester afghans, knick-knacks, and delicious homemade baked goods. Photo by Felix Perez.

Antiques Appraised at Women's Club

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A picture is worth a thousand words - but is it worth a thousand dollars, too?

This is the question that the Rochester Women's Club sought to answer with the help of Marion Antique appraiser Frank McNamee at a November 29 antique appraising event in the Rochester Women's Clubhouse. This is one of several attention-drawing events that co-presidents Marsha Hartley and Nancy Boutin are hoping will generate interest in the Rochester Women's Club.

After a two year lull in activity, the Women's Club



Above: Cinderella, played by Jessica Walther, tends to a fire while awaiting orders from her Wicked Stepmother. Cinderella, a musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein, was performed by Old Rochester Regional Junior High School on December 2 and will have a final performance on December 3 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are $6 and will be available at the door. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.

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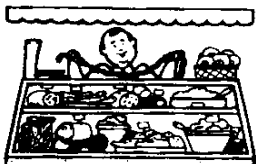
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is ready to move along at full-steam again, with monthly meetings and community events on the horizon. Starting in January, there will be a 7:00 pm meeting on the first Thursday of each month, where group members can socialize and talk about how to serve their community again.

The Rochester Women's Club wants "to regroup and get the club noticed again," said Ms. Hartley, who is the third generation in her family to run the Women's Club – her aunt was once the Club president, and her grandmother, Katherine Hartley, was the founding president. "We want to let the public know that the annex belongs to the Women's Club," she continued. The annex is currently used by the Rochester Town Hall, but it is owned by the Rochester Women's Club, which is one of the only women's clubs in the country to actually own its own clubhouse.

The Clubhouse was originally the Men's Athletic Clubhouse, and was the place in Rochester for billiards, basketball, baseball, and even bowling. In 1928, a Women's Auxiliary Club was created and the Rochester Women's Club developed from there.

The Clubhouse is itself an antique and was built with lumber from the Hartley sawmill. It may not be glossy with new amenities, but it is homey, and lovingly maintained. "I vacuum, vacuum, vacuum," laughed Ms. Boutin, who helped carefully clean and arrange the Clubhouse in preparation for the antique appraisal event.

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There was a spread of home-baked goodies, some wreaths made by Club members, and a white elephant table at the antique show.

Visitors lined up, sometimes out the door, to have Mr. McNamee give a history and approximate value to their treasures. Mr. McNamee, who is an officer for the Sippican Historical Society and one of the founders of the Marion Antique Show, said that most appraisals are routine. Most items aren't worth much more than $100, but they are priceless to the people who carefully place them on the table in front of him. Mr. McNamee conducts these weekend appraisal events for non-profit groups like the Rochester Women's Club, the Rochester Lands Trust, and the Wareham Historical Society.

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Most recently, Mr. McNamee helped appraise a 19th century Spanish painting by Madrazo. The painting was found in the attic of a Marion rental house and was valued at $86,000.

The first antique that Mr. McNamee evaluated at the Rochester Women's Club antique show was from Cecilia Smith, who is also a Rochester Women's Club member. She waited patiently to hear more about the old net repair kit that had belonged to her ancestor, John D. Ferreira Smith. The kit included several sharp tools to repair fishing nets and a heavy pad to protect the hand. Mr. McNamee said if the kit had included baleen and whalebone, it would be worth as much as $1000, but since it wasn't, it was worth about $150.

To Ms. Smith, the real interest was the story behind the kit. John D. Ferreira's name was changed to "Smith" because he was a coopersmith by trade. Ms. Smith intends on donating the item at some point to the Fairhaven Historical Society.

Shirley Hartley brought in an attractive 19th century children's high chair. Mr. McNamee immediately identified it as an American Windsor "Arrowback" high chair from 1810-1820. The original piece had a footrest, but Mr. McNamee said that it had been kicked off by "an exuberant child".

Other items at the antique show were a 19th century "splint" basket that was probably originally sold for 49 cents (now worth $50), a Catholic shadow box from

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Marsha Hartley says that she is interested in making the Women's Club more active, but she also wants to express gratitude to "the women who came before us – all of the members."

"We are having so much fun," said Ms. Boutin.

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Uncle Inspires Dana Farber Effort

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

When a friend suggested running in the 2009 Boston Marathon, Tammy Ferreira thought the idea was "crazy." But she trained and she ran it; now she is planning on running in the 2010 Boston Marathon, this time to benefit Dana Farber.

Ms. Ferreira said that running in the Boston Marathon and seeing how many people ran for causes inspired her to raise funds for Dana Farber Marathon Challenge.

The Dana Farber Cancer Institute began in 1947 when Dr. Sidney Farber tried an experimental drug on 16 children who were seriously ill with leukemia. When the drug led 10 of the children to go into remission, the skepticism surrounding Dr. Farber's work led to further research and acceptance of cancer treatment. According to Dana Farber's mission statement, they aim to "provide expert, compassionate care to children and adults with cancer while advancing the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, cure, and prevention of cancer and related diseases." The Dana Farber Cancer Institute relies on dedicated people like Ms. Ferreira to raise money for cancer research.

Ms. Ferreira, secretary for the Planning Department in Mattapoisett, gleans most of her inspiration for fundraising from her uncle, George Ventor III, who lost his battle with cancer in March 2009. Ms. Ferreira was deeply affected by the loss of her uncle. "I watched what he went through, and I realized that everyone has a story," Ms. Ferreira said, referring to how many friends she realized had also lost a loved one to cancer. To her, raising money for cancer research and treatment may save heartache for another family.

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neck to prevent paralysis, but the surgery weakened him considerably and he never got the chance to leave the hospital. This holiday season will be the first one that Ms. Ferreira and her family will spend without Uncle George, and his presence is missed tremendously.

On November 24, Ms. Ferreira conducted a "giveaway" with a 42" plasma television. She collected donations prior to the giveaway and selected a winner from the list of those who participated.

Besides running in the Marathon to raise money in 2010, Tammy is selling Dana Farber t-shirts. She is looking for 36 businesses to sponsor the t-shirts for $75 each so she can then sell the shirts and donate the proceeds to Dana Farber. Businesses can help by sponsoring, and individuals can help by purchasing the shirts.

"I'm trying to find little things to get me closer to my goal," said Ms. Ferreira, who plans on continuing Dana Farber efforts as long as she can. The Thanksgiving television giveaway alone raised $1000, which has inspired her to hold another fundraiser closer to New Year's Day, this time for a $500 gift certificate to a large hardware store. Those interested in entering the next giveaway will be able to purchase tickets between December 1 and 31 and the tickets are 2 for $5.

"I won't be drawing the name, though," Ms. Ferreira laughed, citing the stress involved in being the name-puller. "I've been busy and my mind is swirling



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Ms. Ferreira's progress as she helps Dana Farber can be tracked at her Dana Farber Marathon Challenge website: www.runDFMC.org/2010/tammyf. 100% of Ms. Ferreira's raised money will go to the team's goal of $4.4 million for the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research.

"If you'll be in Boston on April 19, 2010, please come cheer on my DFMC teammates as we race towards the ultimate finish line: a world without cancer," says Ms. Ferreira's donation site. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket for the next giveaway, or any business interested in sponsoring Ms. Ferreira's t-shirt fundraiser, should contact her at tamgib01@yahoo.com.

Road Race Committee Plans Anniversary

By Sarah K. Taylor

The 40th annual Mattapoisett Road Race will be held this summer, 2010. The race has traditionally been held on the fourth of July, though this year the road race is planned for July 3 so it won't interfere with church services. Every year, the racers gather in Mattapoisett and run for five miles through the Town.

Originally, the founders of this race, Bob and Doris Gardner, wanted to create an opportunity to raise money for the high school students at Old Rochester

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Karen Manning, a long-time runner and one of the race's representatives, explained, "a lot of people have dedicated their lives to this. I have been involved the last 7 or 8 years." Ms. Manning, a Mattapoisett resident, said also that the race is a "positive way to give back to the community. It has been a really rewarding experience."

Ms. Manning described the experience of running, and how important the spectators are since, "some people finish the race in thirty minutes and others in two hours. The people on the side lines clapping and cheering, and the kids with water make all the difference."

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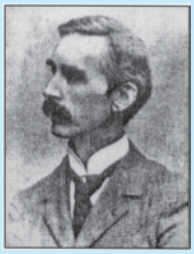
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This past summer, the Mattapoisett Road Race donated all of its proceeds to the Old Rochester Regional High School as scholarships for the students. Runners from around the world joined in with the local runners to total one hundred and three participants. This number matches that of the 1980 race's participants almost exactly (they had one hundred and four.)

In 1978, the eighth annual race, the previous record was beaten, and the winner was Brad Hurst, who came in at 25 minutes 41 seconds. He broke the record set before by Bill Mansulla, who finished with a time of 27 minutes and 37 seconds.

2009's male winner, Patrick Callahan, age thirty-six from Needham, MA, had a time of 27 minutes and 32 seconds. Last year's female winner Joann Mathews, age forty-three, from North Dartmouth, MA completed the race in 31 minutes, 34 seconds. Back in 1980, the male winner, Doug Olney of Mattapoisett (who began the race by dropping his keys – but continued on, nonetheless) had a similar time, which was 26 minutes and 51 seconds. Kelley Mc Sweeny won with a time of 30 minutes and 46 seconds the same year.

This year's race promises to be an event worth attending-either as a runner and participant or as a spectator. This race has a full forty years worth of training, racing, and caring for the young generation. The ORR seniors it supports are about to take steps into the world, and this is a community-centered way to show that we care about their future.

In order to celebrate this anniversary properly, the Road Race committee is asking for past participants and friends to dig up any memorabilia, such as photographs, newspaper clippings and more to submit to Karen Manning. Ms. Manning can be reached at 508-758-9419. The Mattapoisett Road Race committee works hard all year, and anyone interested in volunteering is also encouraged to get in touch.

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Chuck Michaud Arena to be Dedicated

By Adam T. Silva

A ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 5 at 12:00 pm behind the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School as they dedicate the newly finished multi-sport rink facility to former ORR student and Coach Chuck Michaud. Roller hockey, lacrosse, basketball, field hockey and soccer will be able to be played in the new facility, which was funded entirely by donations and fundraising efforts.

Chuck Michaud died in his sleep in 2000 at the age of 41 from complications from an old spinal cord injury he sustained while in college. Originally from Fairhaven, Chuck played hockey at Northeastern University where he was part of the 1979 Beanpot-winning Northeastern Huskies. In order to play for the Junior Nordiques, a Canadian Junior-League hockey team, (not affiliated with the Quebec Nordiques, who eventually became the Colorado Avalanche,) he claimed to be younger than he was and was eventually discovered.

One of the largest contributions to the rink came from the Chuck Michaud Golf Tournament, which was held at the Bay Pointe Country Club in Buzzards Bay. The Tournament, which celebrated its eighth year this past August, had over 80 participants and 35 sponsors taking part.

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continue to do something he would want to do," said Rory McFee, one of the key organizers/builders of the rink and good friend of Mr. Michaud's. "Chuck was one of the best hockey players ever in this area. Easily in the top five. He would have been phenomenal had his health kept up. I know his dream was to one day coach college hockey. He loved working with kids and was going to school to be a teacher. He chaperoned [ORRJHS's] Survival and coached football and baseball at ORR. There was no phoniness to how much he loved kids."

The rink is essentially the old Gallo Arena that was once in Bourne, which was reassembled by local contractors and the ORR/Fairhaven Hockey Team who donated their time. The extra materials needed for the



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"I expect Chuck's wife, sister, cousins, friends, the school committee, the hockey team, and Principal Brogioli, all to be there on the fifth," said Mr. McFee. "This should turn out to be a great day. Hopefully a lot of Chuck's old players will be there too. There are so many people to thank for this project. Shortly after Chuck's passing, we had a fundraiser game with some old Bruins players versus some of Chuck's old players."

"Kevin Rodericks did ground prep work before the cement could be laid. Bob Rogers helped us a lot with permits and the conservation building committee. Jason Medeiros has done so much work with the golf tournament, and Mark White lent us a bulldozer. Retired Fairhaven Fire Chief Charlie Tripp, who is also a licensed contractor, helped build enormous amounts of things at the McFee home. Superintendent Cooper has been so supportive since we first mentioned things. These people, along with some many others, have put in hundreds of hours to see this come to life. It took three years of construction, but eight years of putting everything together. I know Chuck would be proud."

Although the Chuck Michaud Memorial Rink will be open, fundraising will continue to take place, as money still needs to be raised for a scoreboard and for all the necessary lines on the ground for all of the sports. For more information, contact Rory McFee at (508) 758-9002.

Black Friday Slow for Tri-Town Businesses

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

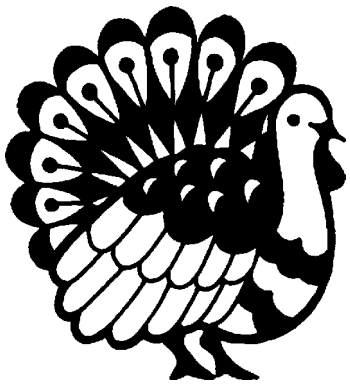
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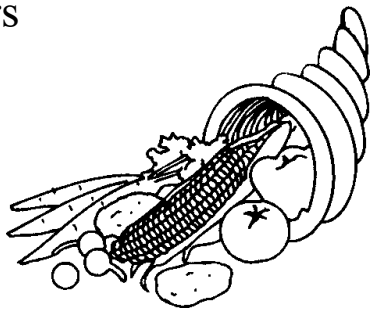
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specials on November 27, businesses in the Tri-Town opened their doors at normal hours and expected a slight increase in afternoon business.

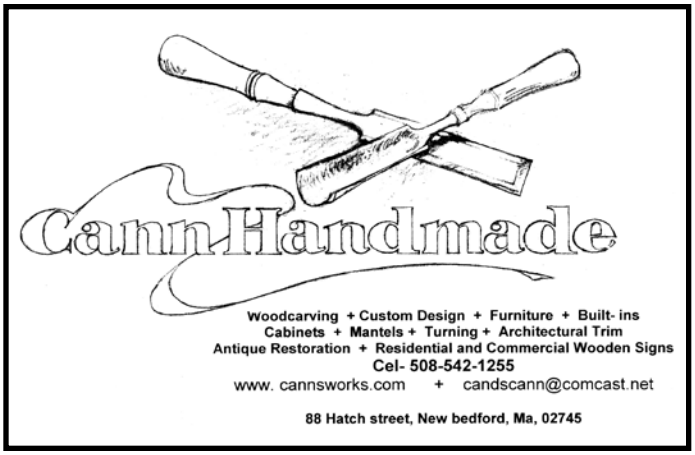
In the past 20 years, the Friday following Thanksgiving has taken on a new meaning as one of the top retail days of the year. Contrary to popular belief, it is not always the number one day – that day is often the Saturday before Christmas – but "Black Friday" is the biggest day for deals and specials, with many large retailers using "loss leaders" – sales where they actually lose money in order to "lead" customers into the store.

The frenzy for Black Friday has reached such a pitch that there are websites dedicated to Black Friday shoppers so they can plan where they will get the best deal on each Christmas list item. Financial analysts also use the data from Black Friday sales to sum up the economic landscape. Since 2008 Black Friday sales were so low, there was a lot of hope for the 2009 season – would sales project a continued slump, or was there a chance that the market was recovering?

For Tri-Town boutiques and specialty stores, Black Friday is actually a little slower in the beginning of the day, since most of the shoppers are out at the big-box stores. According to Jessica Kelly of Isabelle's, a specialty store in Mattapoisett's Ropewalk Mall, business picks up in the afternoon when shoppers are done with the craziness of Black Friday shopping.

"When they get burnt out at the chain stores, they come for specialty gifts and holiday feel," said Ms. Kelly as she filled a bowl of snacks for shoppers at the entrance of her store. According to Ms. Kelly, a lot of the shoppers that come to the Ropewalk Mall are year-round and seasonal residents who want to do their shopping in a festive, relaxing setting.

Cecile Balboni, owner of Serendipity by the Sea



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in Marion, reflected the same sentiments as Ms. Kelly. She anticipated more shoppers in the afternoon, once the big box store door-busters are over, but she still was uncertain of shopper turnout. "With the economy, it's hard to tell," Ms. Balboni said. Serendipity, a specialty store on Front Street, is reliant on good weather to encourage shoppers to walk into their store. Unfortunately, this year's Black Friday brought heavy rains.

"When residents entertain family, they take their house-guests here for local color," said Ms. Balboni, who said the businesses on Front Street experience a boost in traffic during the Marion Holiday Stroll, and during the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour.

The Plumb Corner Mall in Rochester didn't experience any crowds or pushing on Black Friday. Donna Ray, owner of The Hitching Post, said that Black Friday was always a slow day since everyone was out taking advantage of holiday sales. "We can't compete," said Ms. Ray, who sells specialty horse-related items. "People come here happy to not be overwhelmed. But they do the bulk of their shopping at the bigger stores. It's quiet enough



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here to be enjoyable." To Ms. Ray, the frenzy of Black Friday is not worth saving a few dollars here and there. "Do you really need to rush out and get those things to save ten dollars?"

Ms. Ray said that the Annual Holiday Gathering at Plumb Corner is a much bigger day for the Plumb Corner businesses than Black Friday. Like the Marion Holiday Stroll, the Rochester Holiday Gathering will provide a relaxed and festive setting for browsers.

For these local business owners, Black Friday is just a phrase – the best of the season is yet to come.

School Report

ORR's Website Gets a Facelift

By Anne Smith

Over the first few months of the 2009-2010 school year, the ORR website has gotten a major facelift. The page is now updated more frequently, and the calendar is a perfect resource for both students and community members to keep track of events such as concerts and drama club productions. Mr. Devoll and Mr. Sardinha have also created a page for podcasts of the "Paul & Devoll Show," which is a weekly announcement that reminds students about various handbook rules. Finally, the website now has a link to PowerSchool, where parents and students can check grades online no matter what point in the term it is.

The home page is updated at least once a week,

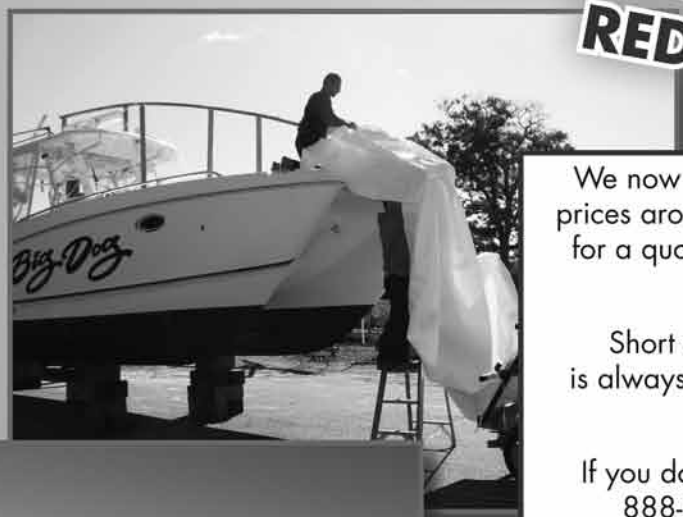
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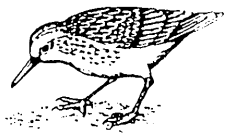
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which is a dramatic increase over the occasional updates last year. Students can find transcripts of phone calls issued by ORR, the complete honor roll, and messages about the accomplishments of students all at the top of the page. There is now a student-of-the-week section, where different students are recognized for outstanding achievements or hard work, usually in conjunction with one of the school departments. Towards the bottom of the home page are resources that are available year-round, such as documents about health during the flu season and ORR's academic rubric. One link that is especially important to students is the Presidential Service Awards. Students can either set up an account online with the school code to keep track of their community service hours or print out a form that ORR uses. Students who complete at least 100 hours are awarded a medal at the end of the year. Students interested in keeping track of their community service hours for the award may want to talk to members of the ORR Community Service Club (CSL) for more information.

An important link for both students and community members to keep track of is the school calendar (located in the navigation bar on the left side of the home page). The front office continually updates this calendar, posting both daily notices for the students and the times and location of concerts and other events for the entire community. Dates are subject to change, of course, but for the most part they are accurate once placed online.

The podcast page for the "Paul & Devoll Show," which is broadcast on every Monday morning over the intercom, was created in late September, but students are able to download all of the first podcasts. They can also subscribe to receive the recent ones as they are added online. Subjects discussed in the "Paul & Devoll Show" range from short reminders about handbook rules to formal explanations from the ORR staff. For example, when ORR was first hit by the flu season and H1N1, a rumor spread that if a certain number of students went home sick, school would be closed for a minimum of five days. Shortly after this rumor made its way around the school, Mr. Devoll announced through the show that there "is no magic number." Already it is clear that the

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Other links that students might find valuable are in the academics section. Each teacher has their own page, and many post a record of the homework assignments online. Teachers that have a homework-posting system often encourage their students to check online during absences so that they might stay caught up with the class instead of falling behind.

The last page of resources for students is the library page. Mrs. Kyle created a list of databases that ORR subscribes to. While there is no need to log on when using the databases on the school computers, it is necessary to do so when at home. When using the databases at home, you must go to the SAILS library website (http://sailsinc.org) and log on using the barcode on your library card. The pin number is the last four digits of your phone number. Then, to get to the databases, you need to click on "home" and then, on the right side of the page, "online magazines & research tools." A second window will open, and the same databases that ORR subscribes to will be listed there. Students are encouraged to use these resources during the spring history research paper assignments, since the databases open doors to a wide variety of resources such as transcripts, articles, book reviews, and book excerpts.

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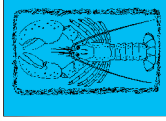
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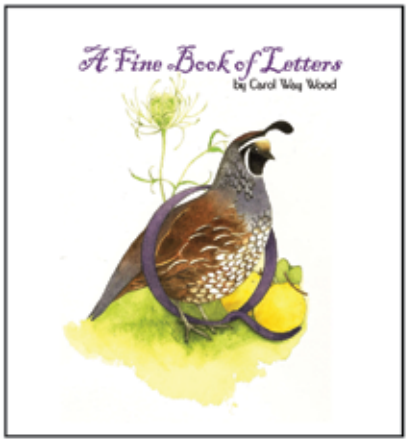
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To see the school's new homepage, visit: (http://old.ma.schoolwebpages.com/education/school/school.php)

Sport Shorts

By Yulia Motta

The fall season has finally come to an end, and it wasn't the end that the **Old Rochester Football** team was hoping for. At the beginning of the season it appeared as if the Bulldogs were going to be the "it" team. They won their season opener for the first time in eight years, and they also won their first three games of the season; they appeared to have everything together. However, everything started going down hill after Bulldogs suffered significant injuries and lost three in a row; two of the lost games were to the very tough teams, Wareham Vikings and Fairhaven Blue Devils. Many fans and players were hoping that the Bulldogs would bounce back and finish the season with a respectful record, but that day never came, leaving many disappointed.

This year, like every year, the **Old Rochester Bulldogs** hosted the Apponequet Lakers for a Thanksgiving Day showdown, and once again, the Lakers came out victorious. This is Lakers' seven straight Thanksgiving game victory over the Bulldogs; however, Bulldogs were given many opportunities to take over this game. The Lakers had two fumbles and one interception, but the Bulldogs failed to make the Lakers pay. Lakers, on the other hand, made the best out of Bulldogs' mistakes. **Nick Kennedy** (Apponequet), intercepted **Mike Asci**'s pass, which was turned into a **Zack Nanfet's** touchdown two plays later. Then **Scott Mongar's** punt, which landed on the 20-yard line, was picked up by Zack Nanfelt and turned into his second touchdown. It was a good game for Nanfelt, who played his first Thanksgiving game this year as a sophomore. Another sophomore who made his debut was **Nate Michael**. Even though Michael didn't have any touchdowns during the game, he did have

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one interception, which sealed the win for Apponequet. Michael and Nanfelt ran for 193 yards combined throughout the game, which helped out their departing seniors a lot.

As for the Old Rochester Bulldogs, they did not get the ending they were hoping for, but they did try. During the game they were only able two put six points on the board and those came when Mike Asci connected with **Max Risch** for a 14-yard touchdown pass. Mike Asci was 10-25 throughout the game, but coach was impressed with Asci's ability to throw the ball. **Brandon Petty** also helped out on that scoring drive, by opening it with a 43-yard run. However, the solo touchdown was not able to get the Bulldogs a last win of the season; instead it

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prolonged the Bulldogs' six-game losing streak.

So with the closing season game, Apponequet Lakers ended their season 8-5, while Old Rochester Bulldogs finished 4-7. Both teams, however, are saying good-bye to many significant players this year and coaches are hoping the underclassmen will be able to fill in the missing holes and make the difference next season.

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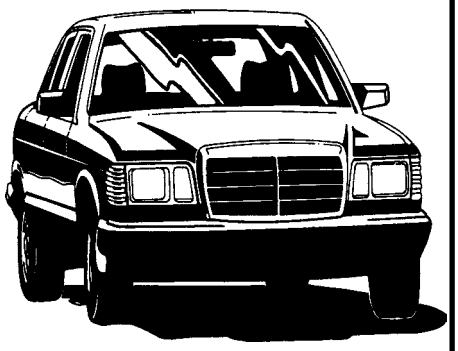
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There will be a seasonal and H1N1 vaccine clinic for Tri-Town residents on **December 15**, 2009 from Noon to 6:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, 135 Marion Road, in Mattapoisett. The seasonal flu vaccine will be available for all Tri-Town residents. The H1N1 vaccine will be available for Tri-Town children (5 years to 18 years of age), while supplies last. A $5.00 donation is suggested for residents not covered by Medicare.

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Two Students Nominated for Football Award

The Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School announced the nominations from 19 area high schools for the prestigious Otto Graham Football Award.

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Dave Lamontagne, the head football coach for Old Colony Regional Technical Vocational School in Rochester, nominated Ted Mello for the award. Mr. Mello, an Acushnet resident, has been playing in the Old Colony football program for the last 4 years, and is the senior captain of the team. Mr. Mello is majoring in electrical studies, is a member of the National Honor Society, and is slated to graduate with high honors this year.

Coach Lamontagne describes Mr. Mello as "a positive role model… a true leader…(and) a well-dressed gentleman, very respectful to his peers as well as school staff." Mr. Mello participates in community service projects and is the runner-up for this year's Mayflower League Sportsmanship award. Coach Lamontagne said that Mr. Mello's achievements were made even more outstanding by the fact that Mr. Mello had a brain tumor removed when he was in the fourth grade. After suffering memory loss and Tourette's syndrome, Mr. Mello worked his way to a clean bill of health to become "one of the best athletes on the team."

The Old Rochester Regional Football program, coached by Henry Quinlan, nominated starting quarterback Bryan Teefy for the Otto Graham award. Mr. Teefy has been the starting quarterback since the 2008 season, and helped lead the Bulldogs into the 2008 South Coast Conference championship game. A press release from the ORR football program described Mr. Teefy as a "consummate leader whose consistent hard work and tenacity was unmatched by anyone in the program."

Mr. Teefy was responsible for 11 touchdown passes and over 1,000 yards in his football career, according to Coach Quinlan. Besides being an excellent football player, Mr. Teefy is academically one of the highest ranking students at ORR, a member of the National Honor Society, takes AP classes, has been on the honor roll for four years, and was named a John and Abigail Adams Scholar. Mr. Teefy has also been a major part of many local volunteer efforts, like the Bulldog Carnival, which benefitted local families in need, and was a tutor at the Wareham Boys and Girls Club.

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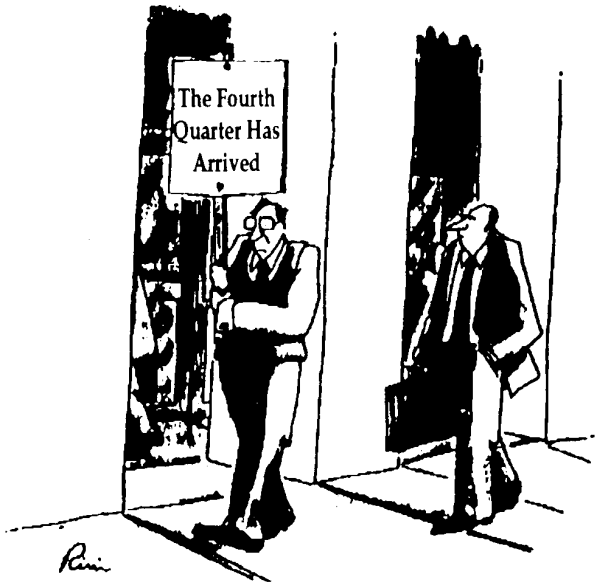
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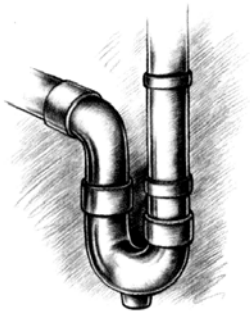
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Marion DPW Holiday Trash Pick-Up

With the holiday season upon us, the Department of Public Works would like to remind Marion residents that the regularly scheduled pick-up of Friday, December 25, will occur on Thursday, **December 24**.

The Magic of Christmas at St. Anthony's

St. Anthony's Church is holding its 44th Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, **December 5**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. St. Anthony's is located on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. It is wonderful to reflect on the many young people who have benefited with scholarship funds earned from proceeds of the fair. For the first time, the fair will be co-presented by the parishes of St. Anthony's and St. Rita's of Marion who both share Fr. Paul Caron as pastor.

There will be many familiar features at the fair but new ideas to inspire your shopping. Start your day with a morning pick-me-up at the Christmas Cafe and enjoy a fresh malasada. After, enjoy a hearty lunch including Shepherd's pie. Find unique gifts at the Gift Boutique, fresh greens and trimmings to decorate your home, delicious Christmas treats from the Candy and Bake Table, and the always-delightful Children's Room for the young shoppers, and Santa Craft workshop for young elves. A limited edition, hand-painted ornament

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New this year is a Teen Boutique with jewelry hand-crafted by parish teens, as well as themed gift baskets for the Faith Formation classes available at the Chinese Auction. There is also an opportunity to purchase tickets for the Grand Raffle with prizes including $500, a Christmas painting by a local artist, and a Lenox platter.

Santa arrives at 9:30 am to delight the child in everyone, and a photographer will be on hand to capture the joy. Please join us and support the many efforts of the committees and continue funding for scholarships while experiencing the Magic of Christmas – it's the perfect way to start your day before and after the Town Tree Lighting. Contact Barbara Ketchel with any questions: 508-758-9593

Mattapoisett PTA Pizza Night

Please join the Mattapoisett Parent Teacher Association for family night on Wednesday, **December 9**, 2009 between the hours of 4:00 and 9:00 pm at Nick's Pizza in Mattapoisett. Twenty percent of all proceeds from the evening will go the Mattapoisett PTA. The event includes eat in and take out. Take the night off from cooking and support our schools. Hope to see you there. For more information, call 508-758-2277.

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Machacam Club

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Our speaker this month will be Charlie Poekel, author of the book entitled *Babe and the Kid*. The book presents the legendary story of Babe Ruth and Johnny Sylvester, which resulted in the heart warming and now famous home-run in game 4 of the 1926 World Series. Charlie will also discuss his relationship with the Babe's daughter Julia Ruth Stevens, who was so impressed with the book that she contributed the Foreword to Charlie. This program was made possible by Seth Mendell.

Mattapoisett Road Race Needs Members

The Mattapoisett Road Race Committee recently met to begin planning for the 40th Independence Day Road Race! This year's race will be held on Saturday, July 3, 2010 to avoid conflict with Sunday church services.

Since its inception, over $100,000 in proceeds from the Race have been awarded to graduating seniors at ORR. Because this is our 40th year, the Committee is interested in collecting information and pictures that chronicle the history of the past 4 decades of Mattapoisett road races. We also welcome having interested people join the Committee to promote this worthy endeavor!

Anyone willing to share history of the Road Race, or anyone willing to help plan next year's event, please contact Karen Manning at 508-758-9419, or e-mail kdmanning1@yahoo.com.

Mattapoisett Town Holiday Celebration

On **December 5**, 2009, the community will once again pull together to create a day of family fun and celebration. The town holiday celebration will take place from 11:00 to 1:00 pm in Shipyard Park. In the spirit of Christmas and the holidays, Mattapoisett has always held a day of celebration complete with a visit from Santa and town tree lighting.

Hang ornaments on the tree while you wait for Santa – it will be fun for all. For further information on this event, flyers are in circulation around Mattapoisett, or



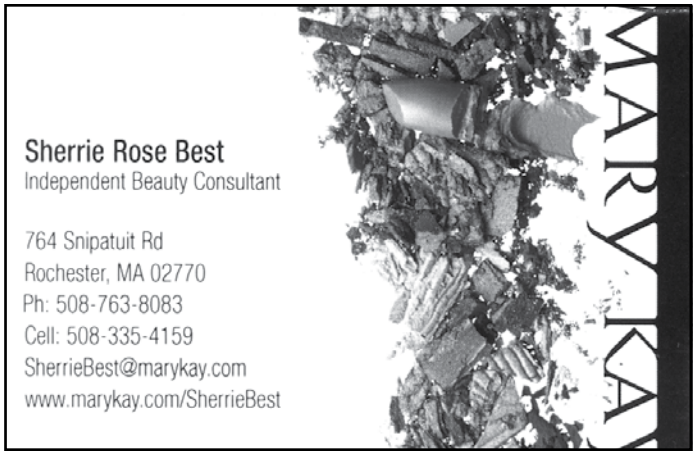
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can be picked up from the Town Hall. Hope to see you at the Holiday in the Park event!

Chuck Michaud Arena Opening

The Chuck Michaud Arena will open on **December 5**, 2009 at noon. The arena was built with private funds and constructed by volunteer workers. It is located behind Old Rochester Regional Junior High and will be used for roller hockey, basketball, lacrosse and other sports. The facility will be especially useful for the ORR physical education classes. The arena will be named after the late Chuck Michaud, a teacher assistant who was also a dynamic and well-loved ice hockey, football, and baseball coach.

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If you have any questions, contact Rory McFee at 508-758-9002 or Jason Medeiros at 508-728-6285.

Mattapoisett Relay for Life Workshop

The holiday season is approaching fast – Christmas is just around the corner. Who wouldn't love to receive a handmade gift from their children or grandchildren?

The Relay For Life of Tri-Town Planning Committee will host the 3rd Annual Holiday Workshop on Sunday, **December 6** at Center School, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett from 11:00 - 3:00 pm where the kids can make a special gift for a loved one. There will be kid's crafts, face painting, snacks, Chinese auction, bake sale and much, much more. Come see Santa from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Suggested Donation: $6.00 per child. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Tri-Town for cancer research, advocacy and patient services.

Marion Town Clerk News

• **A Special State Election** has been called to fill the vacancy in the Senate when Senator Edward Kennedy passed away.

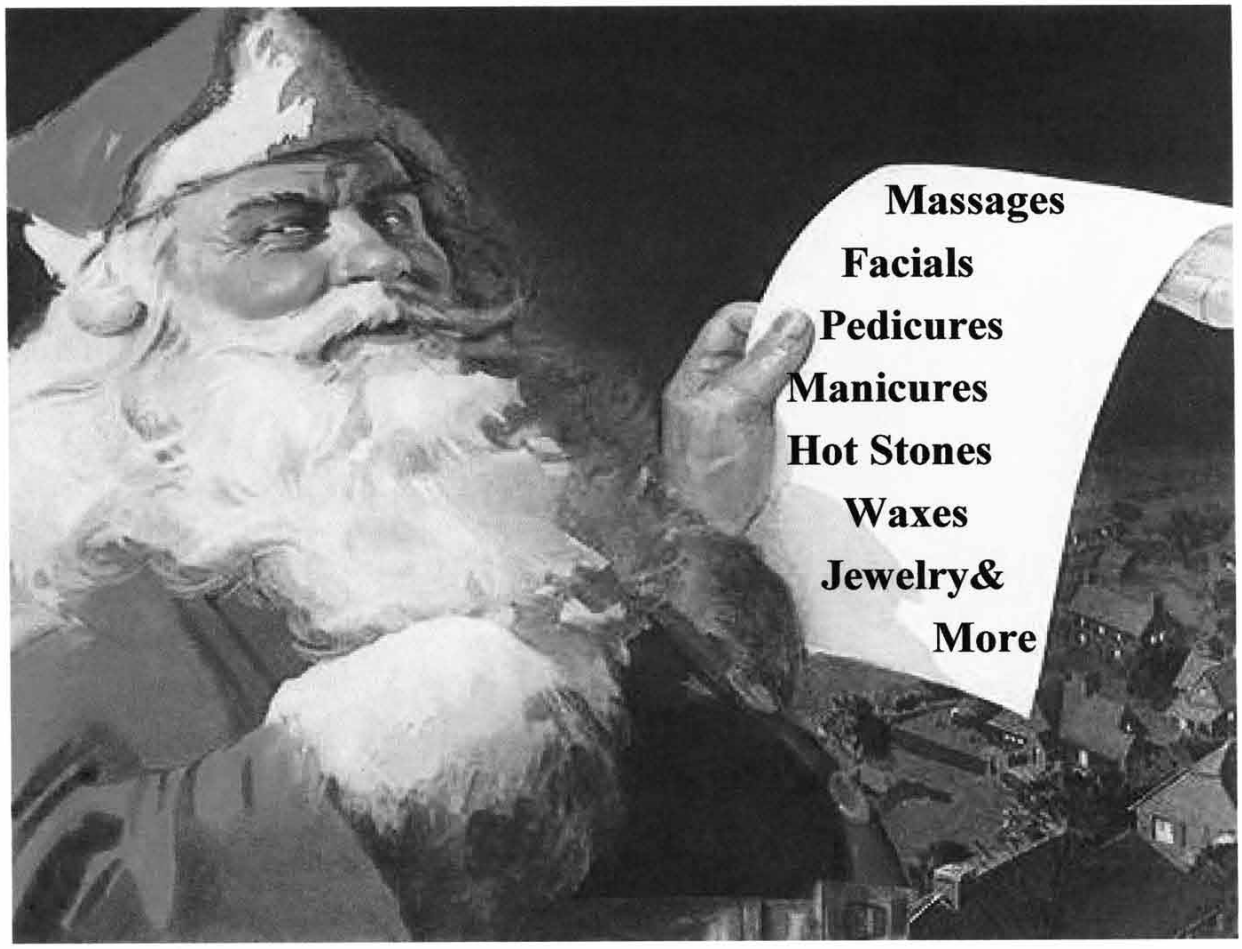
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The State Election is to be held on **January 19**, 2010.

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If you have any questions, please call our office at 508-748-3502.

• **Absentee ballots** are now available at the Marion Town Clerk's office for the upcoming State Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, **December 8**, 2009 at the Music Hall, 164 Front Street.

You may vote by absentee ballot if:

• You will be absent from your city or town on election day, and/or

• You have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place, and/or

• You cannot vote at the polls due to religious beliefs.

Any registered voter wishing to vote prior to Election Day may vote at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8am to 4pm. Friday, 8am to 3pm. Please note: closed for lunch from 1 to 2PM

Absentee ballots will be accepted until noon on **December 7**, 2009. For further information, please call the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502.

Mattapoisett Town Clerk Notice

Absentee Ballots for the State Primary to be held on Tuesday, **December 8**, 2009 have been received. If you will not be able to cast your vote in person on the day of the election you may do so by absentee ballot. The last day and time to request an absentee ballot is noon on Monday, **December 7**, 2009, the day before the election. The election will be held at Old Hammondtown School on Shaw Street and the polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please call the office of Barbara Sullivan, Town Clerk if you have any questions. 508-758-4103 ext 2.

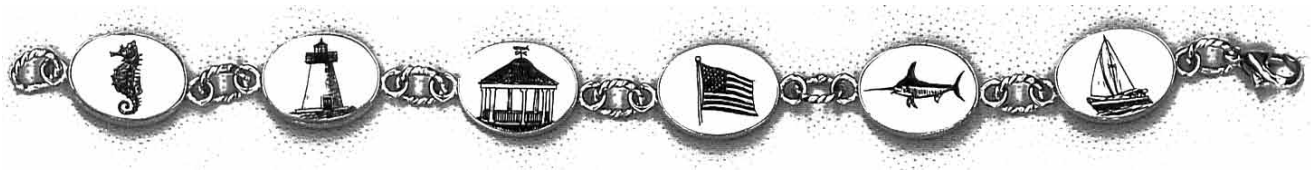
ORR High School Craft Fair

There will be a Harvest Craft Fair at Old Rochester Regional High School on **December 3**, 2009 from 3:00 to 6:30 pm in the ORR High School Lobby. There will be photography, jewelry, ornaments, sea glass, hand-woven baskets, baked goods, and more. For more information, call 508-758-3745.

Marion Art Center Holiday Shop

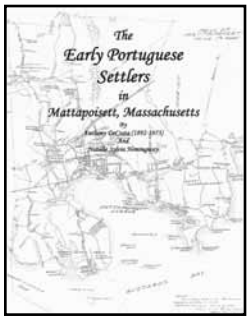
The Holiday Shop at the Marion Art Center is now open! Included in the installation are jewelry by Toni Cardoza, Donna Driscoll, Lynn Hahn, Heidi Horman, Harmony Jusseaume, and J.R. Lamartine; bags by Theresa Mattson, Carol Vincent and Colleen McIntire; hand-carved birds by Mike McCarthy; tiles by Kim Barry; doll clothes by Gretchen Joy; scarves and jackets by Elizabeth Howland and Carol Vincent; glass by Jackie Pinheiro and Peter and Tricia Guilday; photographs by Landis Major, Claudin Poyant, Russell Saunders, Caryn Koffman and Veronique Bale; puppets by Barbara Harrold; scrimshaw

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The shop is open through **December 23**. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Saturdays, 10:00 to 5:00 pm, and Sundays 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The Marion Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets. Admission is free.

• On Sunday, **December 6** there will be a Gingerbread House Decorating party at the Art Center with two seatings only at 1:00 and 3:30 pm. The cost

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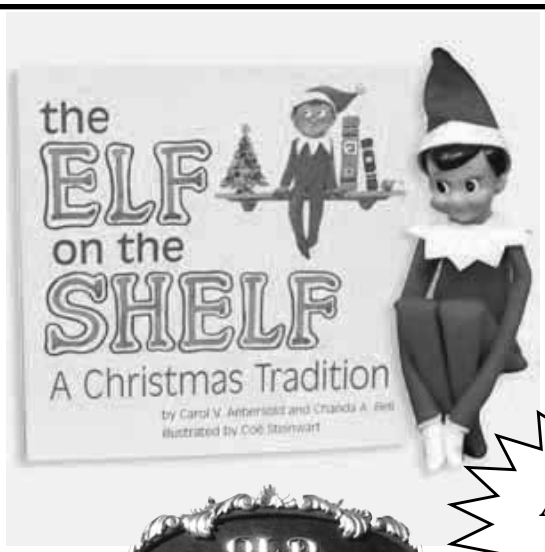
Dr. Potts is a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Medical School. He completed his training in Internal Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, New York.

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• Auditions for *Rumors*, a comedy by Neil Simon, will be held on Sunday, **December 6** at 4:00 pm. The play will be produced in late February/early March of 2010.

• In conjunction with the Sippican Women's Club House Tour, the Marion Art Center will have Carol Lebeaux, silhouette artist, in residence for the day, Saturday, **December 12** from 10:00 to 5:00 pm. These unique hand-cut portraits make a perfect gift. Reservations may be made in advance for a 15-minute sitting, and walk-ins are welcome as time allows. Ms. Lebeaux says: "Wigglers are welcome, too!"

Membership is open to the public. Dues and donations are tax deductible. Members also receive discounts on theater and concert tickets, class tuitions and special events, as well as receiving the quarterly Newsletter, and invitations to gallery openings. Patrons are included in playbills and other publications. For more information, call the Marion Art Center office.

The Marion Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free. Membership is open to everyone interested in supporting, promoting and enjoying the visual and performing arts. For information call 508-748-1266 or visit www.marionartcenter.org.

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The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is sponsoring "Great Decisions," a national civic education program and publication of the Foreign Policy Association. All interested members of the SouthCoast community are invited to come take a seat at the table and discuss the challenges to the global order, major issues that cut across national boundaries, and how world events will impact and shape American lives.

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Sippican Woman's Club

With a theme of "Tree Spree," the ladies of the Sippican Woman's Club, a non-profit organization, will present their 23rd Annual Holiday House Tour and Tea from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday, **December 12**, 2009, rain or shine.

Participants will exchange their tickets for a brochure and tour map at Coldwell Banker Real Estate office located at 150 Front Street, which is right next to Handy's Tavern. Begin your memorable tour adventure at Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street in Marion. Handy's Tavern is owned by the Sippican Woman's Club and serves as its clubhouse.

When you enter Historic Handy's Tavern you will discover a room full of magnificent Christmas trees lavishly decorated by Jeanne Bruen, Lu Chevrier and the many Sippican Woman's Club volunteer members. They have been hard at work for many months preparing for this exciting event and as usual have done an amazing job. The Tavern has been transformed into a "Tree Spree" of surprising imagination. A Silent Auction will be offered on a number of these trees. This is a glorious and stunning sight not to be missed!

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In addition to the tavern, delight in visiting a selection of five beautiful homes festively decorated for the holiday season by professional design specialists and Sippican Woman's Club members. Afternoon tea will be at St Gabriel's Church from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and is included in the ticket price.

A hot holiday luncheon will be offered from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the First Congregational Church Community Center for $9.50. Reservations are advised by calling 508-748-1053.

Tickets for the tour cost $17 in advance and are available at the Marion General Store, the Bookstall and Serendipity in Marion, or Isabelle's in Mattapoisett. You may also send a self-addressed envelope along with your check payable to the Sippican Woman's Club, P.O. Box 121, Marion, MA 02738. Tickets may be purchased for $20 on the day of the tour at the Coldwell Banker Real Estate office or at The Music Hall in Marion.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Please call us at 508-758-4110 if you wish to learn more about our services. Call to sign up for all listings. Most events are free and open to all.

•Monday, **December 7**: 9:00 Garden Club; 9:00 SHINE; 12:00 Fitness w/Karen; 12:30 Fairhaven Marts; 1:00 Scrabble.

•Tuesday, **December 8**: 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Stop & Shop; 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 11:00 Meditation.

•Wednesday, **December 9**: 9-11:00 Free Cholesterol Blood Sugar Screenings; 9-11:00 Free Hearing Aid battery testing; 10:00 Zumba Gold; 12:00 Fitness w/Karen; 12:00 $5 Baked Scrod Dinner; 1:30 Bingo.

•Thursday, **December 10**: 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 9:00 Bridge; 12:00 FOE Holiday Party.

•Friday, **December 11**: 8:00 Shaw's; 8:30 Yoga; 9:00 Old Colony Beauty; 10:00 Healthy Holiday Eating Presentation.

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• **December 15**: Dinner at the Pasta House.
• **December 29**: Breakfast Trip to Cornerstone Bakery in Swansea.

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For all things Rochester, visit the Historical Society table at the Plumb Corner Christmas Celebration on Saturday, **December 5**. Historical Society members will have Rochester Books, cards and shirts for sale. Embroidered jean shirts and sweatshirts will be 20% off. Plan to do your Christmas shopping with the Rochester Historical Society from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Marion Congregational Church Cantana of Hope

On **December 13**, 2009, fifty-five voices and an eighteen-piece orchestra will present "Holy Night of Miracles" a cantata of hope for Christmas at the Sunday morning 10:00 am worship service. The holy night, the night of Jesus' birth, is recalled annually in our churches and homes as we celebrate the sights, sounds, and spirit of Christmas.

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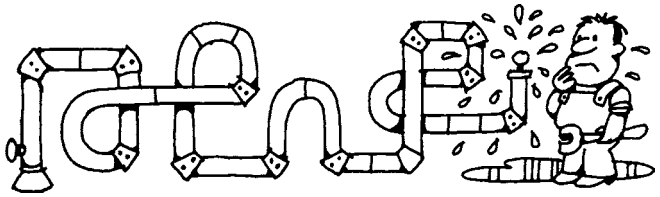
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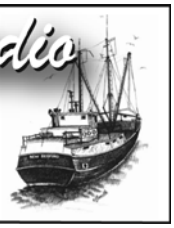
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Mattapoisett YMCA Special Events

• Friday, **December 4** – Santa's Workshop Kid's Night Out, 6:15 to 9:15 pm. Save money and avoid last minute trips to the mall! Join us as we make crafty projects to use as gifts or keep for yourself! Members $10, General Public $12.

• Tuesday, **December 8** – Christmas Tree Lighting, 6:00 pm. Enjoy time with family and friends as we decorate and light the YMCA Christmas tree. Special performance by the Shining Tides Preschool and Sippican Early Learning Center. Please bring an ornament for the tree.

• Friday, **December 11** – Games Galore Kid's Night Out, 6:15 to 9:15 pm. We will be outside playing games tonight. Come prepared to be outside as we will be coming inside only for dinner! Members $10, General Public $12.

• Saturday, **December 12** – Breakfast with Santa, 9:00 to 11:30 am. Bring your family and enjoy a pancake breakfast, photo with Santa and a holiday craft. Members and General Public: $5 per person.

• Friday, **December 18** – Snowflakes Everywhere Kid's Night Out, 6:15 to 9:15 pm. Snowflakes are the theme of the night! Crafts and games will all have to do with that excellent form of precipitation. Come prepared to be outside and inside. Members $10, General Public $12.

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After December 15, 2009, ORRHS will begin destroying the temporary records of students who either graduated or withdrew from Old Rochester Regional High School in 1997 and 1998. Transcripts are kept on file for 60 years. To pick up records, please call 508-758-3745 x 1424

Friends of ORR Drama Present Concert

Ornament, Southern New England's Premier Rock Orchestra, will present a concert entitled "A Tribute to the Trans Siberian Orchestra" in the main auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett on Friday, **December 11**, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The concert is sponsored by FORD, Friends of Old Rochester Drama.

Ornament, an eleven-piece rock orchestra currently in their fourth year of touring, presents the music of the Trans Siberian Orchestra (TSO). Reproducing the actual shows performed by TSO on a smaller scale, they include narration, lights, smoke machines, lasers, and snow machines. Using music and narration to tell a story of the true meaning of Christmas, the show helps us all remember what the holiday season is truly about. This is a show appreciated by all ages and uses traditional holiday carols and songs sung to rock, blues and gospel music.

In the spirit of that season, the concert will help raise funds for the drama department at ORR. The Ornament concert will begin at 7:00 pm, with doors opening at 6:30 pm. Tickets are $10 per person. Advance tickets can be purchased by calling 508-789-6625 or by email at brobin23@aol.com. For more info or ticket sales, please visit the Ornament website at www.ornamentband.com.

Marion Garden Group News

• The Marion Garden Group will hold its annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday **December 12**, from 9:30 to 2:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall. The boutique

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The annual boutique funds the Marion Garden Groups efforts to seasonally maintain many of the business window boxes in Marion village, as well as the Post Office and Town Hall, and to support garden therapy at local nursing homes.

• The Marion Garden Group is seeking donations of floral arrangement containers for use at their annual Christmas Boutique in December. Donated containers may be dropped off at the Marion General Store through **December 1**.

• The Marion Garden Group is once again offering naturally decorated balsam wreaths for your home or business. This is an annual fundraiser and all profits from the sale of these fresh 12" wreaths will be used for the beautification of Marion. The Marion Garden Group designs, plants, and maintains the window boxes in the village. The wreath assembly workshop is **December 1**. All wreaths will be assembled and delivered that day. The cost per wreath is $30, including delivery. For an order form or more information, call 508-748-3125.

Habitat For Cats Adoption Day

Habitat for Cats will be holding two Cat/Kitten Adoption Days on Sunday, **December 6** and **December 13** from 12:00 to 3:00 at 1322 Ashley Blvd. in New Bedford. All cats and kittens are spayed or neutered, inoculated and have tested negative for feline leukemia.

Cats have received medical and foster care valued at $200 or greater. This holiday season, as a gift to you and homeless cats, Habitat for Cats will be offering a reduced price on our adoption fee. From December 1 through 31, the adoption fee will be $65. Holidays are a time of giving. Give a homeless cat a better life through adoption. As always, adoptions are available throughout

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Marion Natural Museum Holiday Party

There is still one event left for the Marion Natural Museum Fall Season!

December 16 – Museum's Annual Holiday Party will include crafts to be built and snacks for the kids to enjoy. Free and open to the public.

The Marion Natural History Museum would like to restart their lego/robotics clubs and we need a few reliable volunteers to help the kids. If your son or daughter has an interest in legos or lego robotics and you'd like to lend us a hand in getting a club started on Saturday mornings, please email the museum at Lizleid@msn.com or call the museum at 508-748-2098.

The Holiday Party will be held at the museum, located above the Elizabeth Taber Library, 7 Spring Street, Marion, Mass. From 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Cost for all but the Rocket program ($20.00) and the holiday party (Free) is $4 for members, $6 for non-members.

North Rochester Congregational Church

The North Rochester Congregational Church located at 247 North Avenue is an independent church and welcomes everyone to worship at 10:00 am every Sunday. The pulpit is filled by volunteers from the congregation or guest speakers. Nancy Sparklin is in charge of the music, assisted by Charles Chace.

On the second Sunday of the month, following the service, everyone is invited to join together for food and fellowship at a brunch prepared by the members of the Congregation. The church is handicap-accessible. For more information on special events or changes to the schedule, please call Barbara Besse at 508-763-8838. Please note: the church is not UCC affiliated.

• **Lessons and Carols** – The North Rochester Congregational Church members welcome everyone to an evening of Lessons and Carols on **December 20** at 7:00 pm at the church, which is located at 247 North Avenue. Refreshments will be served. Also, anyone wishing to join the choir that evening is invited to attend the rehearsal on Thursday, **December 17** at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming speakers are:
December 6 - Communion - Patti Keller
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December 20 - Lessons and Carols at 7:00 pm (no morning service)
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The instructor is Karen Corcoran who is certified as a "Specialist in Fitness for Older Adults" and is CPR and AED certified. Karen designs a new program for each 10-week session combining cardiovascular, strength training, flexibility, and balance exercises. Contact Karen Corcoran at 508-295-1567 with any questions.

Mattapoisett Lion Toy Drive

• Members of the Mattapoisett Lions Club will again this year be collecting non-perishable food items and new unwrapped toys at the Holiday in the Park on Saturday, **December 5** from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at Shipyard Park. So please help out those in need this Holiday Season!

• Our next meeting, the Christmas Party, is scheduled for Wednesday **December 9** at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Chowder House. To make this a special festive event please feel free to bring a guest and or significant other. There will be special raffle and door prizes. Due to the Christmas holiday, this will be our only meeting in December.

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Sippican Choral Society Concert

The Sippican Choral Society will present its 45th annual Christmas Concerts on Friday, **December 4** and Sunday, **December 6**. Under the direction of Brian Roderick and accompanied by Michelle Gordon, Dwight Thomas, and the Sonaré Chamber Ensemble, one hundred-plus voices will perform "Songs of Hope and Peace." The classical portion of the program will include selections from Mendelssohn and Handel, followed by a performance of the Sippican Chamber Choir and an instrumental interlude. Traditional Christmas carols, holiday songs, and audience participation will complete the program. For more information: www.sippicanchoral.org.

• Friday, **December 4**, 2009 at 8:00 pm - Grace Episcopal Church, County Street, New Bedford.
• Sunday, **December 6**, 2009 at 4:00 pm - Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, Marion.

Tickets are $12 for adults, $6 for students, and can be purchased at The Bookstall in Marion, the Seaport Village Shoppe in Mattapoisett, or Baker Books in Dartmouth.

ORRJHS Drama Club Presents *Cinderella*

Members of the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Drama Club are hard at work preparing for their **December 3** performances of *G2K-Cinderella.* "G2K" stands for "Getting to Know" and is a series of musicals by Rodgers and Hammerstein that have been adapted for young performers. And Cinderella is the timeless, classic, magical fairy tale. The ORRJHS presentation of this "dreams-come-true" story is sure to leave audiences smiling.

Jessica Walther portrays the lovely Cinderella who charms her handsome prince, **Justin Smilan**, with her sweet kindness and beauty. Both of these characters are certain to charm their audiences with their wonderful voices. Other members of the Royal Family are King **Troy Rood**, Queen **Jentelle Rioux** and their faithful Herald, **Lee Estes**.

Catherine Vaitses plays the not-so-pleasant Stepmother who cares little about Cinderella and more about her daughters Joy (**Rebecca Myers**) and Portia (**Ellie Sullivan**). And no fairy tale would be complete without a helpful Godmother, delightfully played by **Sarah Braza**. Add four white horses, beautiful maidens, an array of townspeople, singing chefs and dancing kitchen staff and you have a fabulous show!

The last performance is **December 3**, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Old Rochester Regional JHS Auditorium, 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett. Admission is $6 at the door.

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Milestones

Births:

Stephen Coderre of Murray, Kentucky proudly announces the arrival of his first child, a son, **Slade Matthew Coderre** on October 26, 2009. Slade's grandparents are Janet Coderre of Murray, KY and Paul Coderre of Mattapoisett, MA

Obituaries:

John L. Layport, 79, of Rochester died Tuesday November 24, 2009 at home. He was the husband of the late Dorcas M. (Marsaw) Layport.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, the son of the late Herbert and Sara (Brown) Layport, he lived in Mattapoisett for 35 years before moving to Rochester.

Mr. Layport was a mechanical engineer who was the owner of Precision Machine and Engineering. He had a passion for Brass Era automobiles and was a member of the Horseless Carriage Club of America and the Veteran Motor Car Club. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean War.

Survivors include three children, Doug Layport and his wife Sandy of Acushnet, Donna Bosworth and her husband Jim of Dartmouth, and Sara Coker and her husband Kyle of North Carolina; eight grandchildren, Michael, Andrew, Timothy, and John Bosworth, Robbie Layport, Logan, Katie, and Adam Coker; and his companion, Marilyn Flood of Mattapoisett.

A Memorial Service will be held at the later date. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Community Nurse and Hospice Care, P.O. Box 751, Fairhaven, MA 02719. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Mary P. (Caulfield) MacLean, 95, of Marion died Wednesday November 25, 2009 at Tobey Hospital. She was the wife of the late Neil J. MacLean.

Born in Brookline, the daughter of the late William B. and Mary Frances (Sullivan) Caulfield, she lived in Baltimore and Brookline, before retiring to Marion, where she had summered for many years.

She was a communicant of St. Rita's Church, where she was a lector and a member of the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Mrs. MacLean was formerly employed as a registered nurse at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, as a stewardess for American Airlines, and as an emergency medical technician for the Town of Marion.

She was a founding member of the Marion Emergency Medical Services. She was a member of the Friends of Poland, Hearts and Hands, and the original Marion Garden Club. She was the recipient of the Marian Medal from the Diocese of Fall River. She was a graduate of Mount Auburn Hospital School of Nursing.

Survivors include six children, Susan Randall and her husband David of Louisville, KY, Deborah J. MacLean of Baltimore, Betsy Rego of Swansea, Peter T. MacLean of Mattapoisett, Jonathan C. MacLean and his wife Lisa of Marion, and Mark G. MacLean and his wife Mary M. of Quincy; four granddaughters, Stephanie, Jessica, Victoria, and Kathryn; and two great-granddaughters, Ava and Alexia.

She was the mother of the late Neil J. MacLean, Jr. and Julie A. MacLean, and sister of the late Helen, Kay, Joseph, William, and Leo Caulfield.

Arrangements were by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. Remembrances may be made to the Marion Emergency Medical Services, 50 Spring St., Marion, MA 02738 or the St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Rita's Parish, P. O. Box 902, Marion, MA 02738. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Florence I. (Smith) Thompson, 83, of Wareham, died Wednesday, November 25, 2009. She was the widow of Roland E. Thompson with whom she shared 44 years of marriage. Born, raised and educated in Wentworth, NH, Mrs. Thompson was the daughter of the late Allen I. and Siltonia B. (Shonio) Smith.

She had been employed as a Nurse's Aide at Mattapoisett Nursing Home and previously as a long time housekeeper on Great Hill Estate in Marion. Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Rochester Grange.

Survivors include her son, Robert W. Thompson of Rochester and his fiancé, Lorraine Guy; her sister, Arletta "Sal" Martin of Florida; her brothers, Lloyd Smith of Vermont and Florida, Charles Smith of New Hampshire and South Carolina and Ivan Smith of Massachusetts and Florida and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangments were by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Highway (Rt. 28), Wareham. Donations in her memory may be made to: District 33S, Diabetes Awareness, P.O. Box 36, Rochester, MA 02770 or Rochester Grange, C/O Herbert LaFleur, 691 Mary's Pond Rd., Rochester, MA 02770. For on-line guestbook, please visit www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

Constance "Connie" Irene (Osberg) Quigley, age 90, of Mattapoisett, passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at St. Luke's Hospital. She was the wife of the late Dr. Charles Joseph Quigley. Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Philip and Grace (Knowlton) Osberg, she previously lived

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Celebrate the Season Dinner Show

Celebrate the holiday season with an evening of entertainment provided by The Showstoppers. The event will take place on Sunday, **December 6**, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. A limited number of tickets are available for a minimum donation of $10 and will include a dinner buffet, coffee, pastries, and cash bar. Proceeds will benefit non-profit groups Showstoppers Performing Arts, Inc. and KMSD Competition Team, Inc. Call 508-758-4525 for more information.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

• **Holiday Hours** – The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will be open the following hours during the holidays: **December 24** 10:00 to Noon, **December 25** Closed, **December 26** open at 10:00 am, **December 31** 10:00 to Noon, **January 1** Closed, **January 2** open at 10:00 am.

• **Food for Fines –** During the month of December, library patrons are encouraged to bring in non-perishables for current late materials rather than paying an overdue fine. In the spirit of the season, the library staff and the Friends are together launching this effort to add more food to the shelves of the local food pantries. Containers for canned goods, etc, are on both levels of the library, courtesy of the Friends. This does not include previous fees accumulated or charges for lost books, but is intended for current overdue fines only. Please speak with a library staff member with any questions. All donations of food will be appreciated and passed along to local food pantries.

• **Family Story Time for the Holidays** – Join the Library staff and friends for a special celebration on Saturday, **December 5** from 11:00 to 1:00 pm. Drop-in for story times throughout mid-day and enjoy cookie decorating. Take home some sweet creations and enjoy stories of the season as part of the Village Stroll and "Holiday in the Park" Events.

• **Holiday Reading Suggestions** – Interested in a Christmas read or looking for suggestions for book gifts for folks on your gift list? Ask the library staff at the







Milestones

in Salem, NH and Westport, CT before settling in Mattapoisett for the past 15 years.

Mrs. Quigley was a graduate of Fairhaven High School and Bridgewater State College. In earlier years, she worked as an elementary school teacher in Acushnet and in later years taught in Westport, CT.

She enjoyed reading, traveling, vacationing with her family in Maine, and she had a love for all animals. Her joy in life was spending time with her loving family.

Survivors include daughters, Joan Quigley of Woburn, MA, Jill Quigley Roberge and her husband John Roberge of Monroe, CT; two sons, Dr. Charles J. Quigley, Jr. of N. Kingstown, RI and his wife Diane Quigley, and Clarkson P. Quigley of Wilbraham, MA and his wife Mary; seven grandchildren, Tracy Winslow, Gregory Romans, Kelly Roberge, Colleen Carlson, Alison Quigley, Lauren Quigley and Charles Quigley; two great-grandchildren, Lena Winslow and Cole Carlson; nephew Philip Besse of Fairhaven MA and niece Lorinda Oliviera of West Palm Beach, FL. She was the sister of the late Louise Besse and sister-in-law of the late Raymond Besse, Hester Quigley, and Robert Quigley.

Private arrangements are in the care of Waring-Sullivan Home of Memorial Tribute at Fairlawn, 180 Washington St., Fairhaven. Donations in her memory may be made to the Massachusetts SPCA. For online tributes: www.waring-sullivan.com

Robert J. Baccelli died November 28, 2009 peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Robert, 60, the son of Madeline (Camandona) Baccelli and the late John D. Baccelli, was born in New Bedford, MA and lived most of his life in Fairhaven. A graduate of New Bedford Vocational High School and a U.S. Navy veteran, Robert's career included many years as an equipment installer at the New England Telephone Co. and a decade as a deckhand, engineer and cook aboard Fairhaven based scallopers. He later worked as a painting contractor in the Mattapoisett/Marion area. For the past several years he was the groundskeeper and maintenance coordinator at the Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham.

Robert was an avid golfer and sport fisherman, and especially loved riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

He will be missed by his many friends. and especially by his family: his mother Madeline of New Bedford, his sons Robert and Christopher of New Bedford, his brother Steven of Martha's Vineyard, his niece Lindsey of Providence RI, and Beverly Baccelli and Liz DiCarlo of Mattapoisett.

Funeral services will be private. Visiting hours are omitted. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Helen Keating Welky, 88, of Harwichport passed away suddenly on November 19, 2009 in Bonita Springs, Florida. She was the wife of the late Bernard T. Welky who died on May 6, 2009. Born in Cleveland Ohio, she moved to Framingham, MA in 1948. She retired in 1978 to Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Harwichport, MA with her husband Bernie of 66 years.

Helen was an active member and communicant of St. Stephen's Church and St. Bridget's Church of Framingham, MA and Holy Trinity Church in West Harwich, MA.

Survivors include her 3 children, Dr. Lee Welky and his wife Elizabeth of Bonita Springs, Florida, Susan Corey of Pompano Beach, Florida and Elizabeth Pappas and her husband Dr. Anthony Pappas of Mattapoisett, MA; 3 grandchildren, Christopher Pappas of New York, NY, George Corey of Portland, Maine and Michael Pappas of Framingham, MA; a niece, Joanne Miller of California.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, November 23, 2009 at St. Leo's Church in Bonita Springs, Florida. Her Graveside Service will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 12:45 p.m. at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, Mattapoisett, MA. Donations may be made in Helen's memory to the NE Center for Homeless Veterans, 17 Court Street, Boston, MA 02108. For on-line guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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• **MFPL Book Discussion Group** – The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Book Discussion Group will be held Saturday, **January 9** at 2:00 pm. The title to be discussed is *E. B White* by Scott Elledge. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the lively discussion of this interesting man of letters. Copies of the biography can be placed on hold through the SAILS catalog. Please ask the library staff if you need assistance reserving a copy.

• **Writers' Group** – The Mattapoisett Library Writers' Group meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Marine Room. The next meeting is **December 8**. All genres are discussed in a supportive and cordial get-together. Everyone is welcome.

• **Author of *BirdTalk* Presentation** – Alan Powers, author of *BirdTalk* and a professor of English at Bristol Community College, will present a program on the conversation with winter birds on Thursday, **January 28** at 7:00 pm. Mr. Powers will discuss his "listening, watching, and replying to birds" as detailed in his entertaining and informative book subtitled *Conversations with Birds*. This program is co-sponsored with the library and the Naskatucket Bird Club. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

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Editor's Pick of the Week

Mattapoisett Marine Home for Thanksgiving

By Adam T. Silva

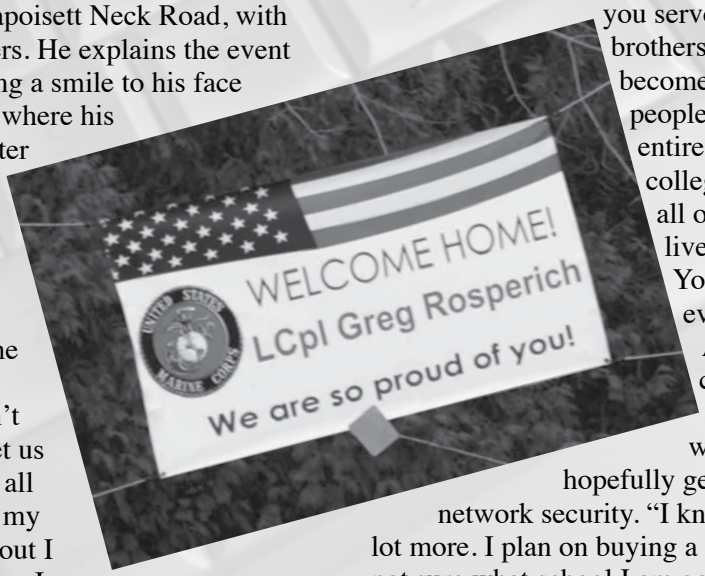
If even for just a few days over the Thanksgiving holiday, Greg Rosperich's family is happy to see him home safe. Marine Lance Corporal (LcPl) Greg Rosperich, a 2007 graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School and Mattapoisett resident, joined the service on January 11, 2008 after completing a semester at SUNY Cobleskill.



Above: *Marine LcPl Greg Rosperich poses with his family in Mattapoisett, from left to right: brother Jonathan Rosperich, mother Kris, Greg and father Bill. Photo by Adam T. Silva.*

"The best thing about coming back to my family is that even though I've been away for awhile, it's like nothing has changed," said Mr. Rosperich with a sigh of relief, followed by a smile. "I know while I am gone, everyone is off doing their own thing, but when I come back, everything is just how I left it. Everyone greeted me with open arms."

His Thanksgiving was celebrated at his parent's house, which is off of Mattapoisett Neck Road, with eleven of his family members. He explains the event calmly, although it does bring a smile to his face when he points to the room where his family sat to eat and then later watch football.



"It felt really good, it was such a relief," said Mr. Rosperich upon his initial reaction when hearing that he would be allowed to come home to see his family for Thanksgiving. "They weren't sure if they were going to let us go home or not because not all of our unit was back. I kept my fingers crossed and I found out I was good to go the day before I came home.

"I was a little reluctant to tell my family that I might be able to come home because everything with the military is very touch and go. Everything changes, with dates and times of when exactly I was going to be able to come home, so I couldn't book any plane tickets until right before I made it home."

Mr. Rosperich's tour with the Marines is for four years and fortunately, according to Greg, there is very little chance that his tour will get extended beyond that. "High ranking sergeants are the ones whose tours are getting extended," he explained.

His support system back home in the Tri-Town does run deep, as his parents, Kris and Bill and brother Jonathan live in Mattapoisett, as well as his grandmother and aunt and uncles. His family does have some military connections, as his father served in Vietnam, one grandfather was in the Air Force, the other in the Marines and an uncle in the Army. He is stationed in North Carolina, but will see Afghanistan once more before his tour is through.

In desperate times, one creates a family of those around them. "These guys you serve with become your brothers," he explained. "They become as close to you as the people you have known your entire life. It's like being in college, like how everyone has all of their classes together and lives together, we do the same. You can't help but get close to everybody."

After his military career comes to a close in two years, he plans to pick up where he left off with school, hopefully getting a job one day in network security. "I know I'll appreciate school a lot more. I plan on buying a small house in the area. I'm not sure what school I am going to go to yet, but I know I'll be ready for it," he said.

Do you know someone who has made a great achievement? Do you know of a non-profit group who would like to be featured in the Editor's Pick column? Contact Anne with feature ideas at: anne@wanderer.com, or call 508-758-9055.

the library at 508-758-4171.

Plumb Library Events

• **Holiday Open House** – On Saturday, **December 5** from 10:00 - 3:00 pm, the Friends of Plumb Library will be holding their annual Holiday Open House at the library. At the Open House, there will be a Silent Auction, bake sale, and Friends items for sale. There will also be handmade soap, lotions, and candles for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Friends. Wreaths previously ordered may be picked up at the library, and "Dinner for Two" books will be on sale at $29.95. Free coffee, tea, and cocoa, plus craft activities for children will round out the day. Be sure to drop by at the library, and at the holiday activities at the Plumb Marketplace across the street.

• Senior Open House Tea – On Friday, **December 11** from 2:30 - 3:30 pm, there will be a Senior Open House Tea at the Library for all Rochester seniors. You can get acquainted, or re-acquainted, with the library, meet the staff, get a library card, and learn more about your town's library. Transportation will be provided by the Council on Aging.

• **Café Parlez** – The Café Parlez book discussion group will end the year with a discussion of Stuart O'Nan's *Last Night at the Lobster* on Monday, **December 28** at 6:30 pm. Books will be available at the desk. Be sure to join us in 2010 for "Cafe Parlez Goes to the Movies",

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TriTown Happenings



***Left**: The Chuck Michaud Arena behind the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School will be dedicated on December 5. The arena will benefit roller hockey, lacrosse, and basketball. The arena will be dedicated to the memory of a well-loved coach, Chuck Michaud, who passed away in 2000. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.*



***Right**: David Jenney, left, runs in the first Mattapoisett Road Race in 1971. The road race was originally open to Old Rochester students only, and was a way to generate funds for the school. The Road Race Committee is planning their 40th anniversary and would love to get photos and memorabilia from the public. For more information, contact Karen Manning at 508-758-9419. Photo courtesy of Danny White.*



***Left**: Nearly 30 children from all over Southeastern, Massachusetts will perform in the 2009 Burt Wood School of Performing Arts production of A Christmas Carol. Performers include Skyler Callahan of Rochester and Abigail Wheeler of Marion. The shows are on Sunday, December 13, at 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm in the grand ballroom of the Middleboro Town Hall, located on 10 Nickerson Avenue, in Middleboro. Tickets are $15.00 for adults and $10.00 for children under the age of sixteen. For more information visit burtwoodschool.com or call 508-946-1071. Photo courtesy of Lorna Brunelle.*

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• **Preschool and Toddler Story Time** – Registration for the winter session runs **December 7** until **December 19**. Call during library hours, or drop by to register. Preschool story times are for ages 3-5; Toddler story times are for ages 2-3 and their parents or caregivers. Due to space constraints, Rochester residents have first preference. The winter session starts Wednesday, **January 6**, 2010.

• "**Food for Fines"** will continue throughout the month. For more information on these or any other library programs, call the library at 508-763-8600 or email info@plumblibrary.com.

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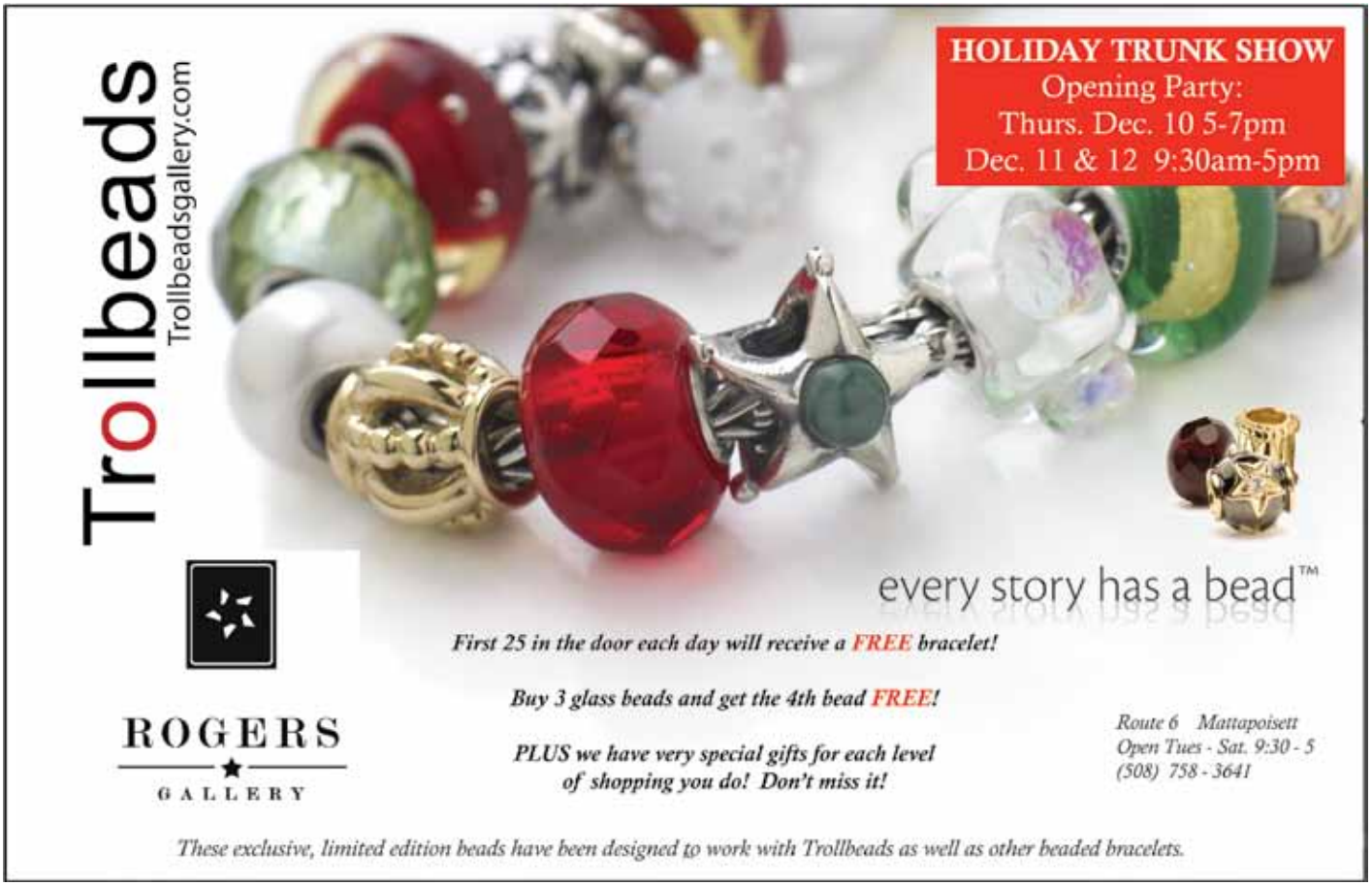
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Antiquing in Rochester

The Rochester Women's Club held an antique appraisal event at their clubhouse on Route 105 in Rochester on November 29, 2009. Guests brought in their heirlooms and antiques for antique expert and professional appraiser Frank McNamee to assess. Guests were asked to leave a $5 donation in exchange for information about their items, which ranged from 19th century baskets to early electric fans. Photos by Felix Perez.



Above: Antiques expert Frank H. McNamee appraises items at Rochester Woman's Club Antique and Collectible show



Above: A WWI German canteen.





***Above**: Ginny Decker brought a pair of Victorian era frames to be appraised. These frames contain photos of her grandparents Nathaniel and Betsy Barros. Betsy Barros was the cousin of Lavinia Warren Stratton, the wife of General Tom Thumb who was made famous by P.T. Barnum. The 115-year-old frames were appraised at $150 to $200 for the pair.*

***Above**: A teddy bear won at a carnival by Nancy Boutin's father for her mother in the early 1940's was appraised by Frank McNamee for $50 to $75. The chair belonged her Grandmother's aunt Delia, was made around 1890 and was appraised for $175. Unfortunately for collectors, Nancy doesn't plan on parting with these items.*



***Above**: Marsha Hartley (left) and Nancy Boutin, (right) co-presidents of the Rochester Woman's Club*



***Left**: The Beatles make an appearance at the Rochester Women's Club Antiques and Collectibles show. The signed photo of the Fab Four appeared to be the real thing, but antiques and collectibles expert Frank McNamee said that the signatures were just a facsimile and were usually sent out to fans who wrote to the band. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.*

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YMCA Wareham News

• **Breakfast with Santa** – On Saturday, **December 5**, enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast with all the fixings and then have your photo taken with Santa. This event takes place from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Admission is $8 for adults, $5 for children. Call 508-295-9622 for more information.

• **Gateway Running Club** – The Gateway Running Club encourages running at all levels. The GRC is well-suited for the recreational runner as well as the serious competitor. The club serves runners of all ages and abilities from the SouthCoast area. The GRC has "group runs" three days a week, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm and long runs Sunday mornings at 8:00 am. Organized training runs for spring and fall marathons are held as well. All runs start and end at the Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham. For more information about the GRC, e-mail: rayallaire@gmail.com.

• **Shop and Drop** - Don't miss the great holiday sales! Leave the children at the Gleason Family YMCA and get your holiday shopping done. Supervised activities include swimming, rock wall climbing, games, and arts and crafts. Shop and drop dates are: Saturday, **December 12, and 19** from 8:30 am to noon. The cost is $25 for one child, $10 per sibling. Call Donna Lake for more information at 508-295-9622.

Marion Family Ice-Skating

Family ice-skating time at the Tabor Academy Ice Rink for the 2009/2010 season will be from noon to 2:00 pm on the following dates: **December 6, 13, 20, 23, 27**, **January 10, 17, 24, 31**, and **February 7, 14, 18, 21**, and **28**.

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***Fantastic Mr. Fox.* With the voices of George Clooney and Meryl Streep. Directed by Wes Anderson. Running time: 87 minutes. MPAA rating: PG.**

Moreso even than *Where the Wild Things Are,* Wes Anderson's stop-motion whimsy *Fantastic Mr. Fox* plays like an art film more for adults than for kids (not to say that kids won't also enjoy it). We may be watching talking foxes and badgers, but they have very grown-up issues. Mr. Fox (raffishly voiced by George Clooney) used to steal chickens for a living; he was a pro at it, and he loved it. But after his wife (Meryl Streep) became pregnant, he swore to go legit as a newspaper columnist. Fox's disreputable past, though, keeps calling to him, and soon enough he lapses back into a life of crime, to the chagrin of three local farmers who'll stop at nothing to kill Fox and his associates.

Like every other Wes Anderson film, *Fantastic Mr. Fox* is about looking back wistfully on one's youth, one's glory days, pre-responsibilities, when things weren't as complicated. Really, I get the sense that Anderson has been working his way up to stop-motion: all his films unfold in a rigorously controlled, hermetic universe, and it's only a short step to filming a miniature world where literally nothing happens that isn't physically manipulated frame by frame. (Anderson is credited as the sole director, and certainly *Fox* is thematically of a piece with his other work, but let's not forget animation director Mark Gustafson and his army of animators, without whom the movie would remain confined to Anderson's sketchbook.)

The throughline is simple: Fox wants food and safety for himself and his community — as simple as a Bugs Bunny short, really. So we're pulled right in, and as the saying goes, fairly soon we forget we're watching stop-motion, even though the technique calls attention to itself. The ads are calling *Fox* "groundbreaking," though I think what that means is that Anderson — rather than relying on slick CGI like everyone else — has chosen a consciously old-school style, one that doesn't cheat or hide the manipulation; the animals are designed with real fur, usually a no-no in stop-motion because you can't control its movement from frame to frame. So there is some wildness here after all. The style, like the theme, is poised gracefully between order and chaos.

The TV commercials, of course, emphasize the goofy kid-pleasing moments, but most of *Fox* is gratifyingly mellow. The voice actors, including Anderson mainstays Bill Murray, Owen Wilson and Jason Schwartzman, speak to each other as if they were in a quirky adult comedy; nobody falsely *projects,* sweatily calling out to the back row of inattentive children. The color scheme is radiantly autumnal, not the usual banging-together of discordant hues that kiddie-flick animators think will hook the eye. The soundtrack is Anderson's typical callback to '60s tunes, including the Beach Boys (used surprisingly unobtrusively) and, at one point of tension, the Rolling Stones' "Street Fighting Man." That song, the last one the Stones played at the fateful Altamont concert, kicked up a bit of fuss in its day for its lyrics espousing revolution, and now it graces a children's film produced by 20th Century-Fox. I can see the angry letter-writing campaign and boycotts from here. Though, again, it isn't really a children's film — but tell that to Glenn Beck and his acolytes.

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Bourne-Wareham Art Show

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Work will be delivered and hung on Tuesday, **December 8** from 10:00 am to noon. Pickup will be **January 5**. Members may enter up to 3 pieces for a $5 fee. Non-members may show their work by paying the $15.00 membership fee and the $5 entry fee. Any questions or for an entry form please call Cathy Irving at (508) 295-1814 or Muriel Locklin at 508-495-0870.

Old Colony Honors Society

The Old Colony chapter of the National Honor Society is sponsoring a service project called Fostering Friendships. The purpose of this project is to distribute backpacks filled with writing supplies, books, hats, gloves, and other various items to children in need. If you would like to help us with this project by donating any of these materials, please contact Ms. Watling at 508-763-8011 ext. 120.

Horizons for Homeless Children Seeks Volunteers

Did you know that one in every 50 children in the U.S. will go to sleep without a home this year? Horizons for Homeless Children is looking for energetic and enthusiastic volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Barnstable, Bristol, and Plymouth Counties. If you have an extra two hours a week and a desire to make a difference in the lives of some wonderful children, then we have the volunteer opportunity for you! A six-month commitment is required. Attendance at one of our training sessions is mandatory.

There will be a training session on **December 8 and 9** from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in New Bedford. Sign up today! Contact Jill Miceli at 508-999-9454 or at jmiceli@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org for more information and an application, or fill one out online at www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing programs and services for homeless children throughout Massachusetts. Horizons for Homeless Children's Southeast Region continues to recruit new volunteers to work with homeless children living in domestic violence and family homeless shelters in Barnstable, Bristol, and Plymouth Counties.

Old Time Holiday Fair Weekend

The "Old Brick Church" First Congregational Church at 34 Center Street in Fairhaven will be alive with activity at their Old Time Holiday Fair Weekend on Saturday, **December 12** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be crafts, baked goods, cookies, home-cooking, Vermont cheddar cheese, a chance auction, coffee shop and much more.

There will be a raffle for a custom-made dollhouse. Author Kristine Daniels will be autographing her new book, *Floyd and the Irresistible Cookie*. "Heavenly Treasures," our second-hand shop, will be open all day. A lobster roll luncheon will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm or until sold out. Hot dogs and chowder will also be

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Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights November 22-November 28
•Register Rd – Vandalism/past
•South St – Health/welfare
•Benson Brook Rd – Officer wanted
•Point Rd – MVA/hit & run/property damage
•Spring St – Medical emergency
•Wareham Rd – DMV
•South St – Parking violation
•Ridgewood Ln – Animal complaint
•County Rd – Officer wanted
•Mill St – Motor vehicle compliant
•Delano Rd – General services
•Front St – D.M.V.
•Allen's Burglar Rd – Burglar alarm
•Rte 195 West – Vandalism/past
•Parkway Ln – B&E/past
•Quelle Ln – Officer wanted
•Spring St – Medical emergency
•Front St – Suspicious activity
•Sassamon Trl – Vandalism/past
•Mill St – Medical emergency
•Rte 195 East – MVA/property
•Front St – MVA/injury
•Wareham Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Mill St – Motor vehicle stop
•Front St – Property found
•Holmes St – Animal complaint
•Hammett's Cove Dr. – Burglar alarm
•Route 195 – General services
•Mill St – Medical emergency
•Sherman's Way – Medical emergency

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights November 22-November 28
•Aucoot Rd – Suspicious person
•North St – MV general
•Euclid Ave – General service
•Acushnet Rd – Animal control
•Fairfield St – Health/welfare
•Eddy Rd – Fire, other
•Wildwood Terr – Officer wanted
•Shady Oak Terr – Notification
•Stoney Hill Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
•Marion Rd – Suspicious other
•Brant Beach Ave – Health/welfare
•Barstow St – Alarm, fire
•Park St – Ambulance request
•Crystal Spring Rd – Gunshots reported
•Aucoot Rd – General service
•County Rd – 209A service
•North St – MV violations
•Rebello Ln – Suspicious person
•Harbor Nk Rd – House check
•North Rd – Domestic disturbance
•Mahoney's Ln – Gunshots reported
•Marion Rd – Ambulance request
•Hereford Hill Rd – Animal control
•Pearl St – Parking violations
•Main St – Medical assist
•Rte 195 east – Disabled MV
•Fairhaven Rd - Disturbance
•North St – Alarm, burglar
•Tallman St – Officer wanted

ROCHESTER
Log highlights November 24 – November 30
•Neck Rd – Animal control
*Alley Rd – Animal control
•Dexter Ln – Alarm, fire
•Mary's Pond Rd – General services
•North Ave – Motor vehicle stop
•Gurney Pl – Vandalism
•Neck Rd – Highway matter
•Alley Rd – Disabled MV
•Walnut Plain Rd – Domestic disturbance
•Vaughn Hill Rd – Vandalism
•Alley Rd – Investigation
•Rounseville Rd – Radar assignment
•Walnut Plain Rd – Burglar alarm
•Hill Rd – Suspicious mv
•County Rd – Domestic disturbance
•Clapp Rd – Information only
•Dexter Ln – Restraining order service
•Old Farm Ln – Alarm, burglar
•Hartley Rd – Vandalism
•Featherbead Ln – Ambulance request
•Neck Rd – Alarm, burglar
•Braley Hill Rd – Ambulance request
•Mendell Rd – Vandalism
•Walnut Plain Rd – Ambulance request
•Dexter Ln – Illegal dumping/littering
•Mattapoisett Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Maxim Rd – Vandalism
•Hiller Rd – Noise complaint
•Snipatuit Rd – Vandalism
•Wolf Island Rd – Assist other agency

Local Lunch Menus



COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday Dec 7: Cream of broccoli soup, orange tarragon boneless chicken, German potato salad, whole wheat roll, apple
Tuesday Dec 8: Rigatoni & meat sauce, country blend veg, dinner roll, strawberry smoothie, Diet: Sugar free pudding
Wednesday Dec 9: Roast pork w/ rosemary gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, gelatin cake, Diet: applesauce
Thursday Dec 10: BBQ beef rib, garlic mashed potato, chuck wagon corn, white bread, pineapple
Friday Dec 11: Turkey tetrazzini, peas, carrots, multi grain roll, mandarin oranges

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Monday Dec 7: Chicken patty, French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 8: Meatballs sub, baked Lays potato chips, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 9: Macaroni & cheese, hot dog, vegetable, fruit, choice of milkl
Thursday Dec 10: Chicken sticks, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 12: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
Monday Dec 7: Chicken patty, crinkle cut French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 8: Taco with all the fixings, rice, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 9: Spaghetti w/wo meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Dec 10: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 11: Quesadillas, fries or Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL
Monday Dec 7: Chicken tenders, French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 8: Meatball sub, baked Lays potato chips, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 9: Macaroni & cheese, hot dog, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Dec 10: Chicken patty, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 11: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION
Monday Dec 7: Chicken tenders, French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 8: Meatball sub, baked Lays potato chips, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk Wednesday Dec 9: Macaroni & cheese, hot dog, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Dec 10: Chicken nuggets, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 11: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL
Monday Dec 7: Spaghetti & meat sauce, bread, green beans, mixed fruit
Tuesday Dec 8: Early dismissal, no lunch
Wednesday Dec 9: Chicken Caesar wrap, salad, pineapples
Thursday Dec 10: Turkey & gravy sandwich, stuffing, carrots, peaches
Friday Dec 11: Stuffed crust pizza, Caesar salad, fruit

available.

The church is now fully handicap-accessible. For more information on this event, call 508-993-3368.

Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be coming for breakfast on Sunday, **December 13**, 2009 at Saint Joseph's School at 100 Spring Street in Fairhaven. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 11:30 am, and will include pancakes, sausages, juice, milk, and coffee.

Tickets are $6 for adults, and $4 for children. The tickets may be purchased at the school until December 11, or at the door. Also, you may purchase pictures of your child with Santa for $7, or $5 with a canned good donation for the food pantry.

All proceeds will help offset St. Joseph's educational and operational expenses. For more information, call Liz Rogers at 508-996-1983.

Fairhaven Historical Society Open House

The Fairhaven Historical Society will be holding its annual Christmas Open House on Saturday, **December 12**, 2009, from 10:00 to 4:00 pm at the Fairhaven Academy Building on the grounds of Fairhaven High School. The Academy will be decorated in the theme of Christmas around the world and will feature antique toys. Seasonal musical entertainment will be provided by Misti Nordstrom from 2:00 to 4:00. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

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Wampanoag Christmas Fair

The Wampanoag Council #15 Degree of Pocahontas will have a Christmas Fair on Sunday, **December 6**, 2009 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Redmen Hall on Main Street in Wareham.

There will be crafts, gifts, raffles, baked goods and a luncheon. Tables are still available for rent – call Jean Gustafson for details at 508-866-7169.

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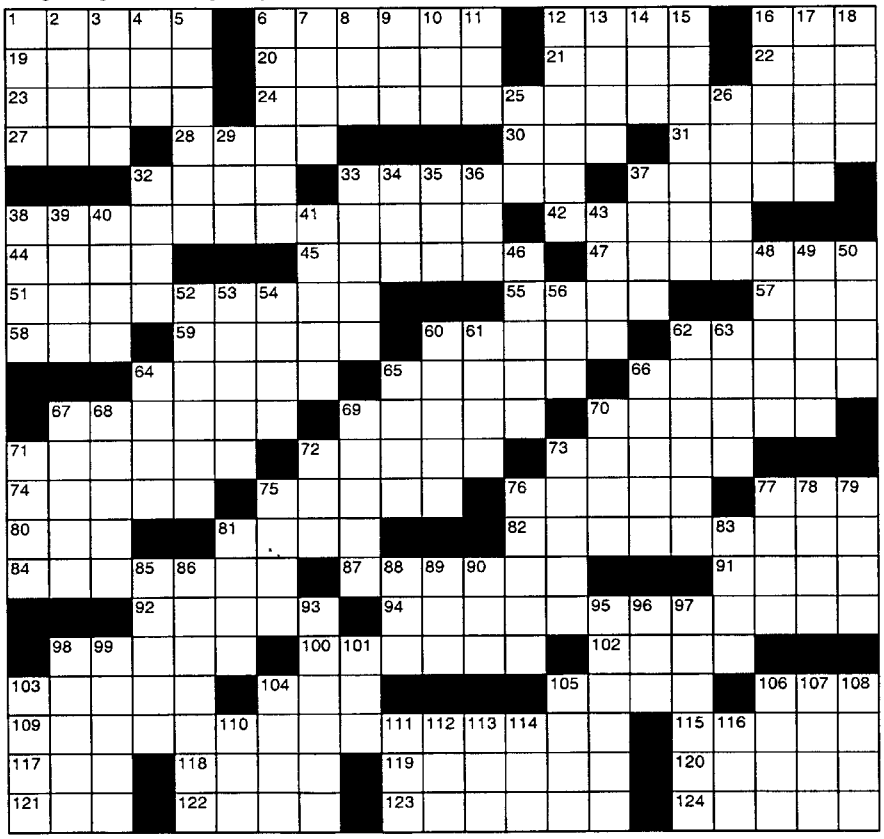
LOVE'S LABOR LOST

ACROSS

1 Fowl family
6 Drag before a judge
12 Rock's partner
16 Barbecue leftover
19 Bar hop?
20 Tchaikovsky's "— Onegin"
21 Butter sub
22 Hwy.
23 Column style
24 Start of a remark
27 Pressure meas.
28 Skinny
30 Hamburger holder
31 Tinker Bell or Titania
32 Head for the hills
33 Malone's portrayer
37 Strong guys
38 Part 2 of remark
42 Agricultural inventor
44 Rabbit relative
45 Pressed
47 Rock's Loggins & —
51 "Evita" setting
55 Villainous
57 Travel need
58 Street greeting
59 Sylvan setting
60 Run a meeting
62 Tremble
64 Fully grown
65 Revolutionary writer
66 Made a face
67 Juicy pear
69 Part 3 of remark
70 Sent to Sing Sing
71 January stoat
72 Military headgear
73 Comic
74 Rental agreement
75 Like some signals
76 — boom
77 Envelope code
80 Big —
81 Falafel holder
82 Method
84 Bit of wit
87 Narrow passage
91 Literary pseudonym
92 Some jeans
94 Part 4 of remark
98 Stage whisper
100 Summit
102 Big beginning
103 Circe's suitors
104 Alternative to nothing
105 Kirk's navigator
106 Short snooze
109 End of remark
115 Sun-dried brick
117 Likable prez
118 Butte
119 Audrey Tautou role
120 Type of orange
121 Litter sound
122 Appear to be
123 Hole grain food?
124 Calm down

DOWN

1 Radar presence
2 Bravo and Grande
3 Start of everything?
4 Sapporo sash
5 Compliant
6 Farm youngster
7 Car
8 "That's disgusting!"
9 Fire sign
10 Burmese statesman
11 Mrs. Al Bundy
12 Portly
13 Ken or Lena
14 Author Wallace
15 Leisure lovers
16 Comic Auerbach
17 No-nonsense
18 Actress Lamarr
25 Where Sopranos shouldn't sing?
26 They'll never hurt me!
29 Born
32 Liberate
33 Half a rock group
34 From — Z
35 Diarist Anais
36 Canonized Mlle.
37 Pump part
38 Ultimate whale watcher
39 Author John Dickson —
40 Southern constellation
41 French psychologist
43 Gulf ruler
46 Martin and Stockwell
48 PR concern
49 Missing more than mittens
50 Imitated
52 Novelist Gordimer
53 Armistice
54 Keep the pedal off the metal
56 Compete
60 Was concerned
61 Subtle taste
62 Marmalade fruit
63 Unlikely to allure
64 Benoit's buddies
65 Unadulterated
66 Frenzied
67 Inch along
68 Muscat native
69 Mavericks' state
70 Doyenne deity
71 Czech river
72 Got scammed
73 Onward
75 "La Boheme" heroine
76 Ill will
77 South African native
78 2001 Judi Dench film
79 — moss
81 Macadamize
83 — vu
85 Spark in the dark
86 Uses frequent flier miles
88 In addition
89 Carpet
90 Demolished dessert
93 Saudi salutation
95 Inspires a smile
96 — Aviv
97 Exotic pet
98 Cease the z's
99 Tendon
101 Thickness
103 Do laps
104 Chartres part
105 Vaudeville bit
106 Salmon snack
107 Assist a felon
108 Soccer superstar
110 Ruby or Sandra
111 Arch. tool
112 Med. insurer
113 Sundown, to Shelley
114 Actor Gulager
116 Apply gently



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There could be an unexpected change in plans for your upcoming holiday travels. But keep in mind that a little flexibility goes a long way in resolving any disappointments.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new relationship might not be responding quite as quickly as you'd hoped. Could you be expecting too much too soon? Try to ease up and let things happen at their own pace.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As we approach the frenetic pace of pre-holiday planning, take time out now to reconnect with the wonderful people who share your life, especially the one who also shares your dreams.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A misunderstanding should be resolved before you get caught up in the flurry of holiday preparations. Set your pride aside and deal with it, regardless of who might have hurt whom first.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being told that a colleague might have been trying to undercut your effectiveness might or might not be true. Get all the facts before you even think about acting on this so-called information.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good idea to start your holiday preparation plans early in order to avoid a time crunch if an unresolved workplace situation causes a problem. That old friend might have some welcome news.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's actions continue to surprise you, but this time with positive results. Could be your wise counsel finally got through. It's like having an early holiday gift, isn't it?

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your reluctance to act in a current situation could be traced to your inner self advising you to take more time to study its complexities before you attempt to deal with it. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Soothing hurt feelings before they can ignite an angry outburst is the wise thing to do. And, of course, when it comes to doing the "wisdom thing," you do it so well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Budget your time so that you can handle both your workplace duties and your personal holiday planning -- including travel arrangements -- without burning out on either end.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might find that you still need to firm up one or two of those still-outstanding decisions so that you can finally move forward as you had planned. Weigh the facts, then act.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You usually don't carry grudges, but you might feel this is one time when you're justified in doing so. But aren't you spending too much energy holding onto it? Let it go and move on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of using your quiet strength to persuade people to follow their better instincts and do the right thing.

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serve their Famous Parish Family Breakfast on Sunday, **December 6**, 2009 from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Spend some time with family, friends and neighbors enjoying a breakfast buffet of pancakes, scrambled eggs, baked ham, sausages, homemade potatoes, fruit, juice and coffee. Tickets are on sale before and after weekend Masses through November 29 or you may contact the Rectory at 508-992-7300. Adults are $6.00, Children $3.00 and under 5 are free with a complimentary ticket.

Weekend Masses are held on Saturdays at 4:30 pm and Sunday's at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. In addition, St. Mary's holds a special Parish Family Mass at 10:00 am on the first Sunday of each month followed by a Parish Social. All children, youth and adults are invited to create a Christmas card as part of our first Christmas Card Campaign for the residents of our local nursing homes. There will also be activities and games for all ages, holiday face painting, raffle items, friendly conversation and holiday cheer!

Wareham Garden Club Holiday Faire

The Wareham Garden Club's Annual Holiday Faire will take place on Saturday, **December 5**, 2009, at 9:00 am at the Fellowship Hall, First Congregational Church, Gibbs Avenue, Wareham. This year's theme, "A Homemade Christmas," promises to be in keeping with the Garden Club's long tradition of using predominately fresh and dried plant material to create unique holiday



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TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the request of R. Bear Monteiro for a Special Permit under Section 4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow a nursery in a Residential zone.

The property is located at 454 Wareham Street and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 13, Lot 51.

Thomas Magauran, Chairman
Joseph Napoli, Vice-Chairman 11/26, 12/03

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE #632 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 pm on Thursday, December 17, 2009 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Cumberland Farms, Inc. for a Special Permit under section 6.1.3 of the zoning by-law to allow the demolition and replacement of structures and fueling equipment.

The property, located at 406 Wareham Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 13 as Lot 22A.

Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 11/26, 12/03

LEGAL NOTICES

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TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 4:45 P.M. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 28 Point Road, further identified as Map 1, Lot 27.

The following variance is requested from State Environmental Code Title V:
310 CMR 15.212 a variance to the groundwater separation to 3 foot separation.

Albin R. Johnson III, Chairman 11/26, 12/03

Local Cable Programming

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Sunday Dec. 6, 2009
6:30 AM – Words of Peace
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church
8:00 AM – The New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicles
Noon – The Commonwealth Report – With Sen. Marc Pacheco
12:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – The New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:30 PM - Community Announcements
7:00 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
7:30 PM – New England Jobs Show
8:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society Presents
10:30 PM – New England Daycations
11:00 PM - Explore
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Monday Dec. 7, 2009
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Our Time is NOW
10:00 AM – Arts and Ideas
10:30 AM – Second Act
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Kids a Cookin'
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:30 PM – Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM – Sharing Miracles
8:30 PM – Physician's Focus
9:30 PM – Around BCC
10:00 PM – Smart Boating
10:30 PM – Life Matters
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday Dec. 8, 2009
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Seniors on the Move
9:30 PM – LOWV Healthcare Forum
10:30 AM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Community Announcements
4:30 PM – Senior Scene
5:00 PM – Community Arts in Action
5:30 PM – Expedition New England
7:00 PM – HomeFront
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – Gallery Talk – Hosted by the Marion Art Center
8:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM – Community Announcements
11:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Wednesday Dec. 9, 2009
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
10:00 AM – Green By Design
10:30 AM – Cooking With Marie
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM - New England Jobs Show
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
5:30 PM – Second Act TV
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – White House Chronicle
7:30 PM – The Commonwealth Report – With Sen. Marc Pacheco
8:30 PM – Sharing Miracles
9:00 PM - I Believe TV – A Program for People With Disabilities
10:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Thursday Dec. 10, 2008
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Community Announcements
10:00 AM – Kids a Cookin'
10:30 AM - Homefront
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – LOWV Healthcare Forum
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – Link TV World Music Block
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – The Rock Star Stories
11:30 PM – Conn Jackson
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

Friday Dec. 11, 2008
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
9:30 AM - New England Daycation
10:00 AM – Green By Design
10:30 AM – Healthwise Alternatives
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:30 PM - New England Jobs Show
4:00 PM – I Believe TV – A Program for People with Disabilities
5:00 PM – Community Arts in Action
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
7:30 PM – Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM – Homefront
8:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM – New England Jobs Show
10:00 PM – Ampersand
11:00 PM – Around BCC
11:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

Saturday Dec. 12, 2008
8:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
10:30 AM – NASA 360
11:00 AM – Explore New England
11:30 AM – Kids a Cookin'
Noon – Gallery Talk
12:30 PM – Around BCC
1:00 PM – New England Daycations
1:30 PM – U-Mass Dartmouth Sports
3:00 PM – LOWV Healthcare Forum
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – Link TV World Music Block
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – The Rock Star Stories
11:30 PM – Conn Jackson
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Saturday Fright Special

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
8:30 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
2:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
9:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
10:30 AM - Rochester COA Bags Program
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
4:30 PM – Latest School Committee Meeting
5:45 PM - Rochester COA Bags Program
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

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Daily Schedule
9:00 AM – ORRHS Honor Bowl
10:00 AM – OHS 2009 Sixth Grade Graduation Ceremony
11:00 AM – OHS Sixth Grade – World Drumming
11:30 AM – ORRHS 2009 Homecoming Skits
2:00 PM - RMS - Science Lab Studies
3:00 PM – OHS Sixth Grade – World Drumming
5:00 PM – 2009 Suites and sweets Concert
6:30 PM – OHS 2009 Sixth Grade Graduation Ceremony
7:30 PM – ORRHS Video Journalism Class Projects - PSAs
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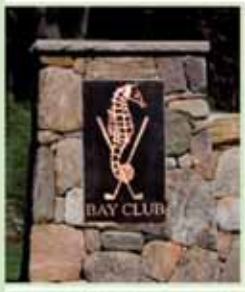
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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 7:05 pm in the first floor Conference Room of Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 upon the application for a transfer of liquor license from Cathay Temple Restaurant Inc. 24 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA to Ying Dynasty of Mattapoisett , Inc. d/b/a Ying Dynasty II, 24 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA for an all alcohol liquor license. Anyone wishing to make comment may do so by attending this public meeting.
Jordan C. Collyer, Chairman
Paul A. Silva, Vice Chairman
George Randall, Clerk 12/03, 12/10

LEGAL NOTICE
ROAD CLOSURE
Antassawamock Club, Inc., Mattapoisett, Massachusetts will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 16, 2009.
Signed:
Board of Directors,
Antassawamock Club, Inc.
Eve Stoebel, Clerk 12/03, 12/10

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
The Mattapoisett Board of Assessors along with the Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on December 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Assessors Office at the Town Hall. The purpose of the hearing is the allocation of local property tax levy among the five property classes for the tax year 2010. However, if the State has not cerfitifed the values at this time the meeting will be rescheduled. Interested tax payers may present oral or written comments on their views at this time.
Donald Fleming, Chairman
Rebecca McCullough
Lynn Sylvia 112/03, 12/10

LEGAL NOTICES

CORRECTED LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 8:11 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1397 submitted by THOMAS P. LOVETT, JR. to construct a single-family dwelling with associated grading and landscaping at Lot 146 Dexter Road, Dexter Beach, as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review. The lot and road were incorrect in the 11-26-09 legal notice.
Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/03

CORRECTED LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 8:10 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by WILLIAM C. LOVETT to construct a single-family dwelling with associated grading and landscaping at Lot 147 Doran Way, Dexter Beach, as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review. The lot and road were incorrect in the 11 26 09 legal notice.
Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/03

LEGAL NOTICE
ROAD CLOSING
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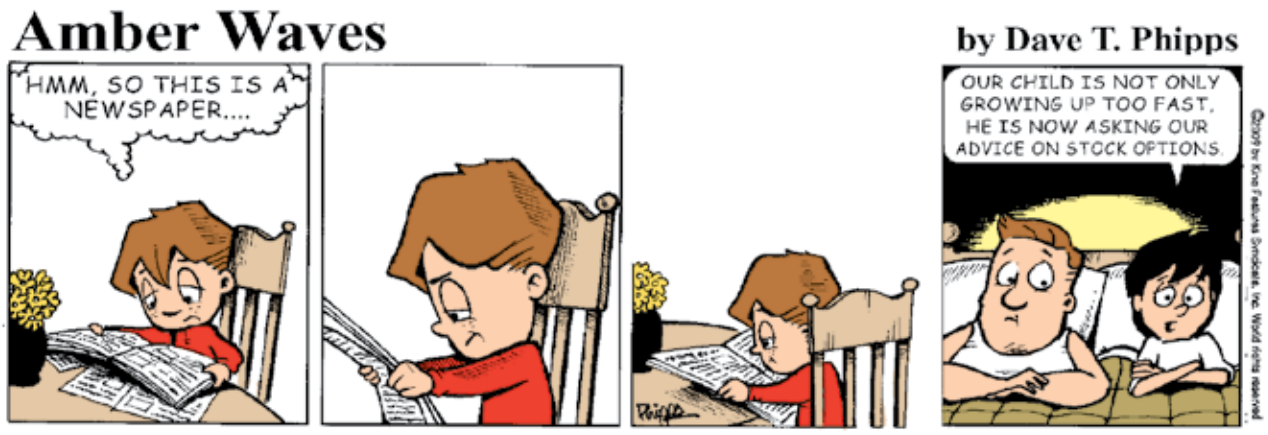
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The concert will take place at Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. James Church on County Street in New Bedford at 3:00 pm on Sunday, **December 20**, 2009. Tickets are available from any chorus member or at the door.

For more information, call 508-644-2419 or go to the chorus website at www.gnbcs.org.

ALS Christmas Tree Sale

An annual Christmas Tree sale to benefit research to fight Lou Gehrig's disease will take place at Douglass Tree Farm on Saturday, **December 5**, and Sunday, **December 6** from 9:00 to 3:00 pm. The tree farm is located in Fairhaven on Sconticut Neck Road right before the turn onto West Island – signs will be posted to guide you.

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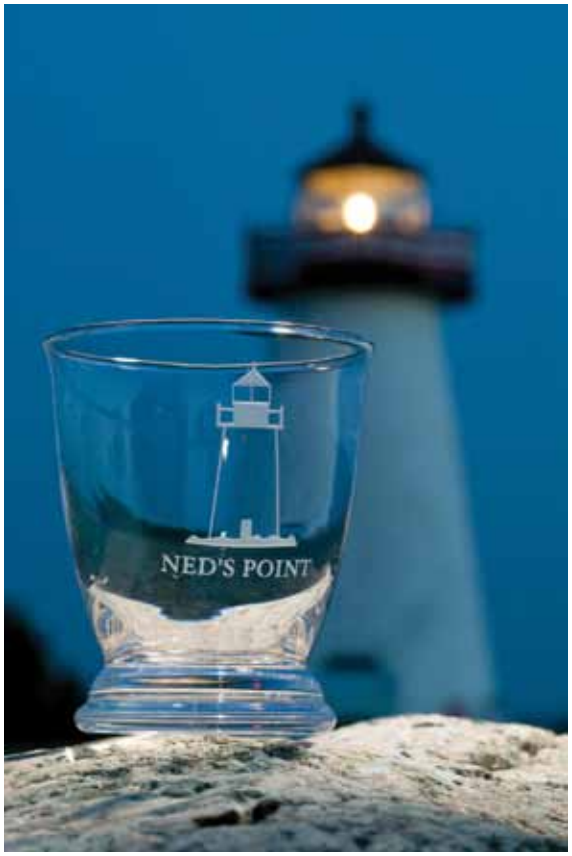


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Arin Brackins	December 4
Ben Burns	December 4
Marissa Hughes	December 4
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Stacy Albalos	December 4
Stephen Bosworth	December 4
Courtney Rezendes	December 6
Holly Nadeau	December 6
Madison Luebke	December 7
Alycyn Breland	December 8
Brandon Oldham	December 9

If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com/birthday. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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Both tour dates start at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, tour headquarters, where a pre-tour brunch will be held on Sunday, December 6 from 11:30 to 1:00 pm, along with a holiday raffle of gifts, art, antiques and handcrafted items. Discounted advance tickets ($19 with $2 discount to Society members) will go on sale mid-November at the following locations: Elaine's at the Black Whale, New York Shoe Repair (for credit card sales), The Surrey Shoppe, Periwinkles, Baker Books, Davoll's General Store, The Ultimate Touch, The Woodhouse Shop,

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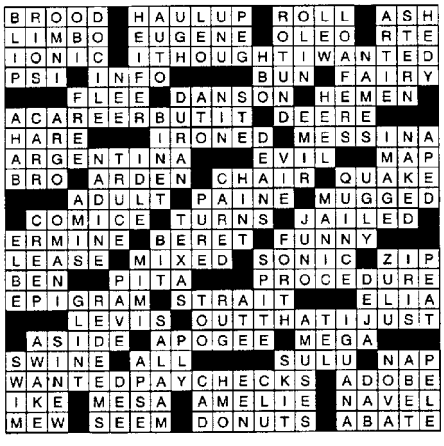
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CROSSWORD SOLUTION



Roseland Nursery, and the Marion General Store. At the door, all tickets will be priced at $23. Cost of the Sunday brunch is $15 (all-inclusive, tax and tip), and reservations may be made by calling the Wamsutta Club at 508-997-7431.

The Annual Holiday House Tour is the Society's signature fund-raising event. All proceeds benefit the work of the Society in its efforts to sustain and promote historic preservation in New Bedford through such projects as the historical building marker program, historical cemetery tours, walking/trolley tours, the Re-Leaf tree-planting program, the newly formed scholarship fund, the publication of self-guided walking tour brochures, lectures, and more.

For more information, please call the New Bedford Preservation Society office (388 County Street, New Bedford) at 508-997-6425 or visit www.nbpreservationsociety.org.

Local Authors Host Holiday Book Sale

Authors Without Borders (AWB) will host its third annual book sale and signing at the Lakeville Library on Saturday, **December 5**, from 10:30 to 1:30 pm. A dozen regional authors will feature over 20 titles for sale, from fantasy and poetry, to memoirs and mystery, and everything in between.

This year, four new titles will be introduced by AWB authors, including: *The Edge of Darkness: The Final Battle*, the third fantasy book of Pat Perry's Darkness Trilogy; a new work by Willie Pleasants called *Make Truth a Habit*; Rochester resident Alberta Sequeira's second memoir, *Someone Stop This Merry-Go-Round; An Alcoholic Family in Crisis*; and Joyce Keller Walsh's 1930's New England mystery, *Winterkill*.

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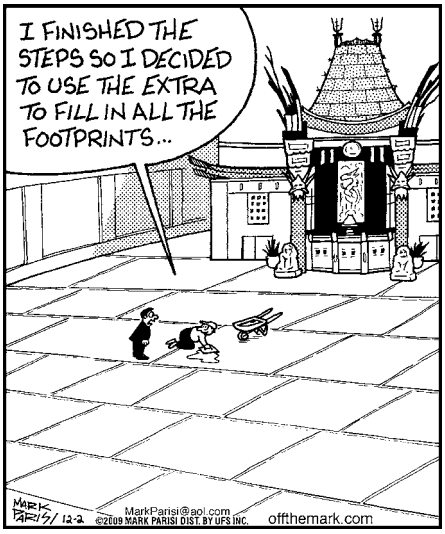
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Millicent Library December Programs

• **Toddler Storytime** – Tuesdays 9:30 and 10:15 am for ages 1-3. Siblings are welcome. Come hear stories, sing songs and rhymes, and interact with other toddlers during free play. Toddler storytime is held in the library auditorium downstairs.

• **Crafternoon** – Wednesdays 3:00 - 5:00 pm for ages 3 and up. Drop into the Youth Room after school for a fun and easy craft project. On December 23, Crafternoon will take place in the downstairs library auditorium and will run from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

• **Big Kid Storytime** – Fridays from 10:00 - 11:00 am (except December 25 and January 1). Listen to stories, participate in songs and rhymes and make a fun and easy craft project each week. Siblings are welcome. Big Kid Storytime is held in the downstairs library auditorium. There will be a Monday Storytime on December 21 at 10:00 am.

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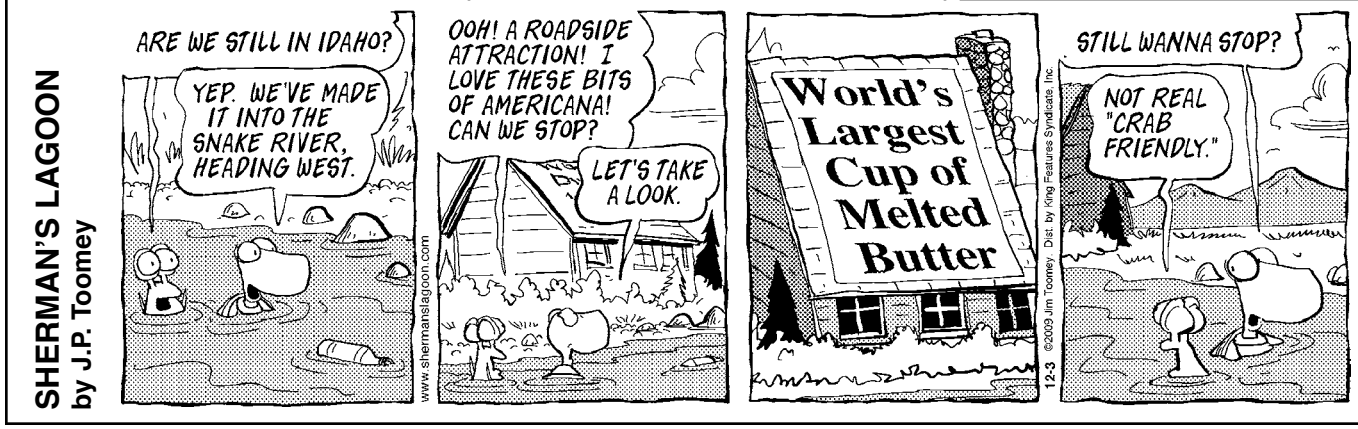
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as AHA! spotlights all things holiday! On this evening we will be celebrating the arrival of both the winter and holiday seasons and all the spectacle that comes with it. Downtown New Bedford will be all decked out with holiday lights to brighten the night, creative window displays, and holiday décor. Stroll the streets and enjoy the sounds of carolers and school choruses or join in a sing-a-long. The shops and galleries will be bursting with holiday sales of locally created goods and other unique gifts perfect for everyone on your list.

Some highlights include:

• Orchestral Petting Zoo and Gallery Christmas Show at Gallery X

• Holiday music with UMass Dartmouth Chorus at the First Unitarian Church

• Homecoming: Swain School of Design Alumni Exhibit

• Holiday Collections and holiday music at the RJD

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Fairhaven Recreation December Events

• **8th Annual Free Event** – Join the Fairhaven Recreation Department on **December 5** from 12:00 to 5:00

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Rogers, Brenda L Savage, Nicholas	Caetano, Natalie	19 Acushnet Rd	Mattapoisett	11/19/2009	290000
Volkema, Glenn	Almeida, Anthony J	11 Cedar Point Ave	Mattapoisett	11/13/2009	460000
FNMA	Cook, Dorothy C Wells Fargo Bk	5 Henshaw Rd	Mattapoisett	11/18/2009	234442
Leary, Angus H Leary, Shannon W	Manning, Karen Ann Mcgrath, Karen Ann	3 Laurel St	Mattapoisett	11/16/2009	165000
Correia, Bradford D Correia, Ruth C	Sol, Steven E	Feather Bed Ln	Rochester	11/13/2009	160000
Janice S Walsh RET Walsh, Janice S	Zell, Todd M Hartley Zell Hsng Assoc	31 Hathaway Pnd Cir 31	Rochester	11/16/2009	371770
Hodgson, Amy E Eldridge, Myles B	Francisco, Andrea	593 Marys Pond Rd	Rochester	11/19/2009	275000
Spence, Joyce C	Hogan, Glen D	314 Snipatuit Rd	Rochester	11/13/2009	390000
Robinson, Warren D	Loud, David	17 Sylvia St	Rochester	11/13/2009	89900

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Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
December 3:	Thurs.	8:07	8:37	1:08	2:20
December 4:	Fri.	8:59	9:30	1:58	3:09
December 5:	Sat.	9:53	10:26	2:49	3:58
December 6:	Sun.	10:49	11:23	3:43	4:49
December 7:	Mon.	11:46	. . .	4:41	5:46
December 8:	Tues.	12:20	12:43	5:51	6:55
December 9:	Wed.	1:20	1:43	7:29	8:05
December 10:	Thurs.	2:18	2:42	9:01	8:58
December 11:	Fri.	3:18	3:43	10:02	9:41
December 12:	Sat.	4:18	4:42	10:51	10:18
December 13:	Sun.	5:13	5:35	11:34	10:55
December 14:	Mon.	6:03	6:23	11:59	11:33
December 15:	Tues.	6:49	7:07	. . .	12:36
December 16:	Wed.	7:32	7:49	12:14	1:22
December 17:	Thurs.	8:13	8:30	12:57	1:58
December 18:	Fri.	8:53	9:11	1:40	2:34
December 19:	Sat.	9:32	9:52	2:23	3:11
December 20:	Sun.	10:11	10:33	3:06	3:48

Phases of the Moon		
	Last Quarter	December 9th
	New Moon	December 16th
	First Quarter	December 24th
	Full Moon	December 31st

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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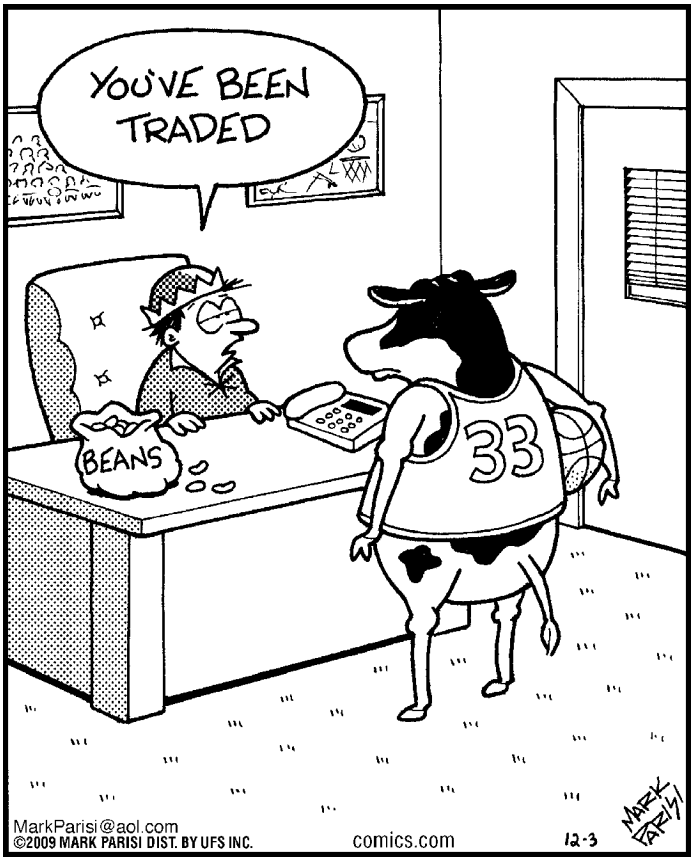
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In the November 26 issue the Aardvark was on page 66!

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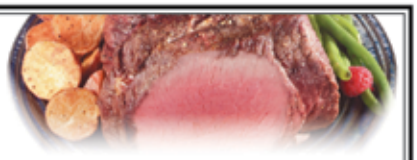


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